Dear Parents,

Kremlin-Hillsdale Public School has been made aware that families of many Kremlin-Hillsdale students are receiving information about food benefits from the Oklahoma Department of Human Services.

Be aware that Kremlin-Hillsdale Public School did not share any information about our families‘ names, addresses, phone numbers, or income with OKDHS. The Oklahoma State Department of Education identified students who would have received free and reduced lunches at Oklahoma Public Schools last spring, when many school buildings were closed or when students were out of school due to COVID-19 precautions, and Oklahoma State Department of Education shared the families’ contact information with OKDHS. Because all students in grades pre-kindergarten through grade twelve attending Kremlin-Hillsdale Public School qualified for no-cost meals through the USDA’s Seamless Summer Options, every student in Kremlin-Hillsdale Public School who was enrolled on March 30, 2020, was identified to receive these food benefits. Parents of these students have already received or will receive a letter from OKDHS explaining they will receive funds through a Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) program.

According to OKDHS, families do not need to apply for these benefits. Those families that already receive SNAP benefits will find the additional funds added to their SNAP account.  Families who do not receive SNAP benefits will receive a P-EBT card in the mail. Families who have more than one eligible student will receive all funds on a single card.

If you received the card in error, the State Department of Education issued the following statement:

**“If you received the P-EBT CARDS and were not Free or Reduced in the 2020-2021 school year, we are aware of the issue.  If you know you do not qualify, please decline the benefits by destroying the card. We apologize for any inconvenience. We have contacted DHS with this issue and are researching.”**

More information about the P-EBT program may be found at the OKDHS website.

Sincerely,

Jim Patton

Superintendent

Kremlin-Hillsdale Schools