



Charlotte playground upgrade promotes inclusive play

Children in the Charlotte Avenue Elementary School neighborhood have a better place to swing, climb, slide, spin and seesaw as a result of a community playground build in July (*pictured*). The school's old playground equipment was totally removed to make way for new inclusive play pieces. Drainage improvements were also made. The new equipment complements a PreK play unit installed a year ago.

The district has been working toward making its four elementary playgrounds inclusive, so that children of all physical abilities can enjoy activities together. All these playgrounds have had some degree of work accomplished in the past couple of years. Resurfacing is planned for the next phase.

Shade toppers were also installed above playground pieces at Union Pleasant Elementary School this summer.



Socially distanced send-off for Class of 2020

Graduation for Hamburg High School's Class of 2020 was like no other. Against a backdrop of Bulldog purple, the in-person ceremony was divided into six sessions held on Aug. 1 at Howe Field, instead of the Fairgrounds, giving seniors a unique and memorable send-off.





Superintendent's Column

We're rising to the challenge & ready for a great year of learning

I can't begin to tell you how delighted we are to see your children in-person soon. The last time we were personally in the company of our students was on Thursday, March 12, and we can't wait to see them again on the **first day of in-person instruction, which is Sept. 10 for Cohort B and Sept. 14 for Cohort A.**

As you know, we engaged with more than 150 of our employees, stakeholders and partners in the planning and implementation phases of our Reopening Guide. By mining the collective wisdom of our great people, we are prepared to reopen schools according to four priorities:

- Safety
- Equity
- Adaptability
- Full compliance with all State guidelines

The full Reopening Guide, as well as all of the supporting documents, can be found on our website (hamburgschools.org).

With that in mind, I wanted to offer the following operational details as we prepare for the beginning of instruction for all students:

✓ Whether students return in our in-person Hybrid model (about 89% of all students) or in our Fully Remote model (about 11% of all students), the initial emphasis will be on the social/emotional aspect of restoring each student's relationship with school. We know that each family's particular circumstances have impacted how each child has experienced the past several months, and we will help children work through that experience so that they are ready for a great year of learning and growth.

✓ For the students who return in person in our Hybrid model, we will place a significant emphasis on normalizing the important safety related behaviors that will now be required in the school setting while the health-related crisis continues. Everything from masking requirements and spacing during passing times, to school lunch service and using the restrooms will be reviewed with students.

✓ You and your children will notice an array of signs inside and outside of our buildings to help remind everyone



Michael Cornell
Superintendent

about social distancing, masks, hand hygiene and general movement in, and around, each of our schools.

✓ I know many of you live by the school calendar, as school events quickly become the center of activity for families. Under the current circumstances, please consider all large gatherings on each school calendar for September as "Postponed Until Further Notice." At the end of each month, we will decide about large gatherings on the next month's calendar and communicate that decision to all families so that you can plan. Please keep in mind that all decisions

about gatherings must be made in compliance with New York State Department of Education and New York State Department of Health guidelines.

✓ Please note that all schools will host a Virtual Open House this year.

The 2020-2021 school year will be challenging for all of us, but together, we will rise to the challenge so that our children have a positive school experience despite the difficult circumstances. If at any time you feel that we can assist you, or your child, please reach out to a teacher, a counselor or an administrator for help or information. It is in the truest sense of public service that we consider ourselves fortunate to work on behalf of the young people of the Hamburg Central School District.

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High School Director of Bands quarterfinalist for national Music Educator Award

Teacher uses music to foster appreciation of cultures

A Hamburg Central educator who uses music to break down stereotypes and to help students appreciate other cultures is in the running for the 2021 Music Educator Award to be presented in Los Angeles during GRAMMY Week 2021.

“One of my goals is to teach my students to become international and multicultural citizens and break out of their boxes of perception and understanding,” said nominee Larry Dubill, Hamburg High School’s Director of Bands. “Music is a shared part of our being, no matter what culture, and is a perfect language for bringing us together as human beings.”

The Music Educator Award, presented by the Recording Academy and GRAMMY Museum, recognizes teachers who have made a significant and lasting contribution to music education. Mr. Dubill was selected from nearly 2,000 initial nominations as one of 216 quarterfinalists from 199 cities. The field will be narrowed further when 15 semifinalists are announced in September. Then, one recipient will be chosen from 10 finalists. That winning recipient will be flown to Los Angeles to attend the 63rd Annual GRAMMY Awards.

“It’s an honor to be considered with so many hard-working and talented people in the national music education field,” Mr. Dubill said.

“Larry is a true difference-maker for our students,” said Michael R. Cornell, Superintendent of Schools for the Hamburg Central School District. “He promotes student choice and voice in his classes and activities, which engages students in such a modern

and meaningful way.”

Mr. Dubill has directed bands/ensembles at Hamburg High School for more than 22 years. He leads the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Jazz Ensemble and Percussion Ensemble. In addition, he is a performing percussionist and composer who is active with the Erie County Music Educators Association.



Larry Dubill

Having lived, studied and conducted research in Tokyo, Mr. Dubill is known for his collaboration with Buffalo’s sister city of Kanazawa, Japan. This has led to Hamburg’s Jazz Ensemble touring and performing in Japan three times, as well as hosting the Kanazawa Jazz-21 Orchestra three other times. Mr. Dubill’s students are currently working with that orchestra on a joint online performance to help promote cross-cultural togetherness.

Mr. Dubill said he believes in teaching life skills, as well as musical skills. He would like students to stay connected to music for the rest of their lives, no matter what profession they pursue.

“After high school they will be well-versed in the complexities of the musical language and also be great team contributors and self-disciplined professionals in any occupation they choose.”

As part of the process to advance in the award competition, Mr. Dubill submitted a video about his work with students, colleagues and communities. It included supportive testimonials.

Mr. Dubill said that he loves living and teaching in Hamburg.

“It’s an honor to be able to direct and work with these students every day.”



Speakers from the U.S. Air Force talked about military career options.



Students found stress relief at outdoor yoga.

Primetime for Hamburg students focuses on positive trait building

Fifteen Grades 7-12 students from the Hamburg and Frontier Central School Districts have been coming together in recent weeks to learn from one another, work on their self-development and interact with caring adults. Positive trait building is at the core of the Summer Primetime mentor program in which they’re participating.

This grant funded program has provided community engagement activities for students for the past six years. This year’s session, which started in August and is continuing into September, is being overseen by Nicole Dayka, Youth at Risk Coordinator for Hamburg Schools and the Town of Hamburg, and Jilian Accurso, Hamburg Middle School Social Worker.

Students selected for the program were referred by their schools. For the past month, they participated in activities at the Taylor Road cabin designed to build their coping skills, confidence and leadership potential. This ranged from hearing guest speakers to learning meditation and yoga.

High School teacher lauded for human rights commitment

Hamburg High School teacher Lori Raybold received the Toby Ticktin Back Education and Excellence Award from the Holocaust Resource Center of Buffalo (HRC) in a surprise virtual ceremony in July. Named after the HRC's founder, the award is given annually to an outstanding educator who has dedicated time and energy to teaching the Holocaust and other human rights issues both inside and outside the classroom.



Lori Raybold

Ms. Raybold has taught the Holocaust and other human rights issues throughout her past 17 years as an English Language Arts educator at Hamburg High School. She also took the initiative to start the elective "Human Rights Literature."

About 50 people participated in the Zoom award celebration, including Superintendent Michael Cornell. Many spoke about how remarkable Ms. Raybold is as an educator and person.

"It's really the first time I've been part of a virtual event that may have been more meaningful than if it had occurred as an in-person celebration," reflected Ann Marie Carosella, HRC President.

Andrew Beiter, a friend and colleague of

Ms. Raybold, said she serves as the moral compass and life force of the organizations and students she works for, using her knowledge of Holocaust history to inspire and challenge.

"Lori is a warrior for those without a voice or power, using her platform as a teacher to change the world," said Mr. Beiter.

Ms. Raybold served on the HRC board for several years and has led

four groups of teachers — 20 educators in all — to tour the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the U.S. Institute of Peace, the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights and most recently, the National Museum of African American Culture and History.

In addition, Ms. Raybold has been recognized as a Museum Teacher Fellow by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and as a National Teacher Fellow by the U.S. Institute of Peace. She traveled to Rwanda to study its genocide with noted upstander Carl Wilkens and finally, she has been Co-Founder and Associate Director of the Academy for Human Rights, educating and impacting hundreds of students and teachers each year.



The monthly Bottle & Can Drive will be held on Saturday, Sept. 12 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Hamburg High School, 4111 Legion Dr. It will benefit the Hamburg Bulldogs Booster Club.

In conjunction with the drive, Booster Club will be selling fresh popped kettle corn from WNY Fun Foods from 11 a.m. -5 p.m.

These events will be no-contact drive thru, following safe social distancing.



After much consideration, the Hamburg Alumni Foundation has cancelled its annual Wall of Fame Ceremony, which had been scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 26. Nominations already received will be taken into consideration for the 2021 event.



High academic achievement earns recognition from State Ed.

The New York State Education Department has once again deemed Hamburg High School as a "Recognition School," as shown in the certificate received by Principal Michael Gallagher over the summer. Under the Every Student Succeeds Act plan, Recognition Schools are those with high academic achievement, growth and graduation rate, and that have made progress. Hamburg was one of 212 public high schools statewide to receive the designation this year. The honor is for the 2018-19 school year; Hamburg has received this recognition in prior years, as well.



Navigating online learning

Parents: There's assistance available while your student is learning remotely at home. A section with resources and helpful tips has been created on the district website (hamburgschools.org) to help you and your children navigate online learning. Under the Parents heading, select Parent Tech Support from the dropdown menu. Help with tech questions/access issues can also be obtained by emailing tech@hcsdk12.org.

Many parents took advantage of a Meet Google Meet video presentation in August featuring Patrick Wirth, Hamburg Central's Technology Integration Specialist. More than 430 registered for the session to learn the ins and outs of this off-campus learning platform. The program was sponsored by the Parent-Child Connection.

CONNECTING VIRTUALLY: Hamburg Central PTSA hosted three virtual parent forums in August during which Superintendent Michael Cornell answered questions related to the reopening of school. There were about 845 participants in total.



*We salute our employees
who are marking 25 years
of service with
Hamburg Schools.*

James Barber	Microcomputer Tech Support Specialist.....	Districtwide
Teresa Black.....	Cleaner	Middle School
Karen Broad	Teacher	Middle School
Brian Carroll	Teacher	Middle School
Steven Chaffee.....	Teacher	High School
Michelle Cyrek.....	Teacher	High School
Lori Danison	Microcomputer Tech Support Specialist.....	Districtwide
Laurie Darling.....	Teacher	Armor Elementary
Gregory Day	Teacher	Middle School
Carolyn Gunning.....	Teacher	Armor Elementary
Paul Hornberger	Laborer	Union Pleasant Elementary
Anne Kanaley.....	Teacher	High School
Amy Losi.....	Teacher	High School
Michael Mancuso	Teacher	High School
Elizabeth McFadden	Teacher	Middle School
Nancy McGowan.....	Teacher	Armor Elementary
Marguerite Meyer.....	Teacher	High School
Elaine Naber	Cleaner	Charlotte Avenue Elementary
Cynthia Nordblum	Teacher	Union Pleasant Elementary
Amy Nyhart.....	Teacher	Armor Elementary
Shane Quinlan	Maintenance Mechanic	Districtwide
Jacquelyn Rasulo.....	Teacher	Boston Valley Elementary
Laurie Rettig.....	Teacher Aide.....	Armor Elementary
Mary Jo Rosa.....	Teacher	Charlotte Avenue Elementary
Lynn Sajdak	Teacher	High School
Diva Steiner	Library Media Specialist.....	Charlotte Avenue Elementary
Laurie Texido	Teacher	Middle School
Edward Ungaro.....	Custodian	Boston Valley Elementary
Terri Vogler	Teacher	Union Pleasant Elementary
Robert Ziegler	Teacher	Middle School



Principal Thomas Adams and Assistant Principal Amanda Bolin led reopening planning at the Middle School.

At Charlotte Avenue, teachers Lisa Fiore, left, and Kristin Della Penta, right, participated in planning led by Principal Danielle Lango.



Planning for the return of students

Administrators and shared-decision making (Core) teams at all six Hamburg Central schools put their heads together in August to work through a wide array of building specific topics related to the return of students in September. About 80 individuals were involved. Their work was guided by four priorities: safety, equity, adaptability and full compliance. These were among many meetings held with internal and external stakeholders over the summer to gather input and collaborate on a host of unparalleled challenges due to the continuing pandemic.

Parents: Here's how to opt-in for school text messages

Parents: Wondering how to receive school notifications via text message?

The district must first have your correct cell phone number on file. Please check the Parent Portal to ensure that your cell phone number is the primary contact number and change it, if needed. For assistance, contact the school district's Central Registration at (716) 646-3200, ext. 7217 or centralreg@hcsdk12.org.

Additionally, to receive texts, **you must take the extra step of opting-in.**

- If you have already opted in, there is no need to do so again.
- To opt in, you can text the word "yes" to 68453 or scan the QR code at right.
- Please be aware that your cell phone provider's standard message and data rates may apply.

The district uses School Messenger as its service provider for automated notifications.



Continuing Ed. cancelled

The Fall 2020 session of Hamburg Central Continuing Education (Oct.-Dec.) is cancelled due to the current health crisis. At this time, district facilities are not open for community use, so that priority can be given to cleaning and sanitation.

The situation will continue to be evaluated in the months ahead in hopes of running the Spring 2021 Continuing Education session (Feb.-May).

Reopening FAQ

Have questions about the reopening of school? Find answers in our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) guide, posted on the district website (hamburgschools.org). This information is being continually updated in response to the top concerns expressed by parents. Find the question-answer by going to the About Us drop down tab, then —>HCSD Reopening Guide—>Reopening

Invite for school retirees

The Hamburg Central Retiree Group is inviting retired employees of the school district to participate in its social events.

In addition to enjoying the camaraderie of colleagues, the group gives back to the Hamburg community in a variety of ways. This has included Warm the Children, Hamburg Alumni Foundation, Kathleen Mary House, purchasing pavers for the Hamburg Community Playground and Howe Field, donating to help students in need at each of the schools and contributing to a school music fund.

Retirees who wish to be added to the mailing list for events should contact Diane Skovenski at 649-5718.

Free & reduced price school meals



Hamburg Central School District
Food & Nutrition Services
360 Division St • Hamburg NY • 14075
716-646-3250 ext. 5005



July 6, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Hamburg Central Schools** offer healthy breakfasts and lunches every school day! Full price meals:

Elementary breakfast-\$1.75, lunch-\$2.35; **Middle School** breakfast-\$2.00, lunch-\$2.60; **High School** breakfast-\$2.00, lunch-\$2.85. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. *****Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals at no charge.*****

Each new school year an application needs to be filled out and returned by the end of September. June's eligibility carries forward into the new school year; however, we must receive a new application by October 1st to ensure processing before the grace period expires. Failure to do so will revert students to full price. **Please return the application or submit an electronic application online at MySchoolApps.com as soon as possible.** Refer to the *Application Fact Sheet* on our website, www.HamburgChildNutrition.com, or call Anne Rich at 716-646-3250 ext. 5005 for assistance in filling out the application. **Results from the application/direct certification process are tabulated and used to determine District funding for other student programs. In order to maximize funding for the students of Hamburg, we must maximize the number of family applications. Applications and their outcomes are kept confidential.** Parents need to return a signed consent form for individual eligibility status to be shared. Consent forms are available on the Food Service page of the District Website.

- DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD?** No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced price meals. Use *one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household.* We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: Hamburg Food and Nutrition Services, 360 Division St., Hamburg 14075 or file electronically at MySchoolApps.com
- WHO CAN GET FREE MEALS?** All children in households receiving benefits from **SNAP, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations or TANF**, can get free meals regardless of your income. Categorical eligibility for free meal benefits is extended to all children in a household when the application lists an Assistance Program's case number for any household member. Also, your children can get free meals if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Households with children who are categorically eligible through an Other Source Categorically Eligible designation, as defined by law, may be eligible for free benefits and should contact the SFA for assistance in receiving benefits.
- CAN FOSTER CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?** Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income. Foster children may also be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits for other children. Including children in foster care as household members may help other children in the household qualify for benefits. If non-foster children in a foster family are not eligible for free or reduced price meal benefits, an eligible foster child will still receive free benefits.
- CAN HOMELESS, RUNAWAY, AND MIGRANT CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?** Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail Colleen Kaney, Asst. Supt. of Student Services, at 646-3200 ext. 7210; ckaney@hamburgschools.org to see if they qualify.
- WHO CAN GET REDUCED PRICE MEALS?** Your children may be approved as reduced price eligible if your household income is within the reduced-price limits on the Federal Eligibility Income Chart, shown on this letter. Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals and snacks served through the Afterschool Snack Program at no charge.
- SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS?** Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the Food Service Office at 646-3250 x 5005 if you have questions.
- MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE?** Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for up to the first 30 operating days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
- I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILD(REN) GET FREE MEALS?** Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out a FREE/REDUCED PRICE MEAL application.
- WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED?** Yes and we may also ask you to send written proof.
- IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER?** Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
- WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION?** You should call the Food Service Director first. If needed, you also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Barbara Sporyz, Asst. Supt. of Admin Services & Finances, 5305 Abbott Rd, Hamburg, NY 14075; 716-646 3200 ext. 7214.
- MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN?** Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
- WHO SHOULD I INCLUDE AS MEMBERS OF MY HOUSEHOLD?** You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.
- WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME?** List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income. You can also use your annual income, just indicate the amount as yearly income.
- WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE INCLUDE OUR HOUSING ALLOWANCE AS INCOME?** If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.
- MY SPOUSE IS DEPLOYED TO A COMBAT ZONE. IS HER COMBAT PAY COUNTED AS INCOME?** No, if the combat pay is received in addition to her basic pay because of her deployment and it wasn't received before she was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your school for more information.
- MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR?** To find out how to apply for **SNAP** or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call 1-800-342-3009.

**2020-2021 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS
REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART**

Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 23,606	\$ 1,968	\$ 984	\$ 908	\$ 454
2	\$ 31,894	\$ 2,658	\$ 1,329	\$ 1,227	\$ 614
3	\$ 40,182	\$ 3,349	\$ 1,675	\$ 1,546	\$ 773
4	\$ 48,470	\$ 4,040	\$ 2,020	\$ 1,865	\$ 933
5	\$ 56,758	\$ 4,730	\$ 2,365	\$ 2,183	\$ 1,092
6	\$ 65,046	\$ 5,421	\$ 2,711	\$ 2,502	\$ 1,251
7	\$ 73,334	\$ 6,112	\$ 3,056	\$ 2,821	\$ 1,411
8	\$ 81,622	\$ 6,802	\$ 3,401	\$ 3,140	\$ 1,570
*Each Add'l person add	\$ 8,288	\$ 691	\$ 346	\$ 319	\$ 160

How to Apply: To get free or reduced price meals for your children carefully complete one application following the instructions for your household and return it to the designated office listed on the application. If you now receive SNAP, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) for any children or participate in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), the application must include the children's names, the household SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number and the signature of an adult household member. All children should be listed on the same application. If you do not list a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number for any household member, the application must include the names of everyone in the household, the amount of income each household member, and how often it is received and where it comes from. It must include the signature of an adult household member and the last four digits of that adult's social security number or check the box if the adult does not have a social security number. **An application for free and reduced price benefits cannot be approved unless complete eligibility information is submitted, as indicated on the application and in the instructions.** Contact your local Department of Social Services for your SNAP or TANF case number or complete the income portion of the application. No application is necessary if the household was notified by the SFA their children have been directly certified. If the household is not sure if their children have been directly certified, the household should contact the school.

Reporting Changes: The benefits that you are approved for at the time of application are effective for the entire school year and up to 30 operating days into the new school year (or until a new eligibility determination is made, whichever comes first). You no longer need to report changes for an increase in income or decrease in household size, or if you no longer receive SNAP.

Income Exclusions: The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care Development (Block Grant) Fund should not be considered as income for this program.

Reduced Price Eligible Students: **Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals and snacks served through the Afterschool Snack Program at no charge.**

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or disability

Meal Service to Children With Disabilities: Federal regulations require schools and institutions to serve meals at no extra charge to children with a disability which may restrict their diet. A student with a disability is defined in 7CFR Part 15b.3 of Federal regulations, as one who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities of such individual, a record of such an impairment or being regarded as having such an impairment. Major life activities include but are not limited to: functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, seeing, hearing, eating, sleeping, walking, standing, lifting, bending, speaking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, communicating, and working. You must request meal modifications from the school and provide the school with medical statement from a State licensed healthcare professional. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please get in touch with us for further information, as there is specific information that the medical statement must contain.

Confidentiality: The United States Department of Agriculture has approved the release of students names and eligibility status, without parent/guardian consent, to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of federal education programs such as Title I and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), which are United States Department of Education programs used to determine areas such as the allocation of funds to schools, to evaluate socioeconomic status of the school's attendance area, and to assess educational progress. Information may also be released to State health or State education programs administered by the State agency or local education agency, provided the State or local education agency administers the program, and federal State or local nutrition programs similar to the National School Lunch Program. Additionally, all information contained in the free and reduced price application may be released to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) or Child Nutrition Act (CNA); including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, the Special Milk Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC); the Comptroller General of the United States for audit purposes, and federal, State or local law enforcement officials investigating alleged violation of the programs under the NSLA or CNA.

Reapplication: You may apply for benefits any time during the school year. Also, if you are not eligible now, but during the school year become unemployed, have a decrease in household income, or an increase in family size you may request and complete an application at that time.

The disclosure of eligibility information not specifically authorized by the NSLA requires a written consent statement from the parent/guardian. We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

Sincerely,
Anne Rich, Director Food & Nutrition Services

Nondiscrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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2020-2021 Family Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals

To apply for free and reduced price meals for your children, read the instructions on the back, **complete only one form per household, sign your name and return it to the address listed below. If you prefer, you can submit an electronic application instead by visiting MySchoolApps.com from any internet ready device.** Please call 646-3250 ext. 5005 if you have any questions about the application process or our Child Nutrition program in general. Additional names may be submitted on a separate paper.

Return Completed Applications to:

**Hamburg Food & Nutrition Services
360 Division St
Hamburg, NY 14075**

1. List all children in your household who attend school:

Student Name	School	Grade/Teacher	Foster Child	Homeless Migrant, Runaway
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Benefits:

If anyone in your household receives either SNAP, TANF or FDPIR benefits, list their name and CASE # here. **Skip to Part 4, and sign the application.**

Name: _____ CASE #: _____

3. Report all income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you answered 'yes' to step 2)

All Household Members (including yourself and all children that have income).

List all Household members not listed in Step 1 (including yourself) **even if they do not receive income.** For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total income for each source in whole dollars only. If they do not receive income from any other source, write '0'. If you enter '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report.

Name of household member	Earnings from work before deductions <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Child Support, Alimony <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Pensions, Retirement Payments <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Other Income, Social Security <i>Amount / How Often</i>	No Income
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Total Household Members (Children and Adults)

*Last Four Digits of Social Security Number: XXX-XX-__ __ __ __

I do not have a SS#

*When completing section 3, an adult household member must provide the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SS#), or mark the "I do not have a SS# box" before the application can be approved.

4. Signature: An adult household member must sign this application before it can be approved.

I certify (promise) that all the information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the information is being given so the school will get federal funds; the school officials may verify the information and if I purposely give false information, I may be prosecuted under applicable State and federal laws, and my children may lose meal benefits.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Home Address: _____

5. Ethnicity and Race are optional; responding to this section does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals.

Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino

Race (Check one or more): American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Island White

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE – FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY

Annual Income Conversion (Only convert when multiple income frequencies are reported on application)
Weekly X 52; Every Two Weeks (bi-weekly) X 26; Twice Per Month X 24; Monthly X 12

SNAP/TANF/Foster

Income Household: Total Household Income/How Often: _____ / _____ Household Size: _____

Free Meals Reduced Price Meals Denied/Paid

Signature of Reviewing Official _____ Date Notice Sent: _____

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for free and reduced price meals, complete only one application for your household using the instructions below. **Sign the application and return the application to: Hamburg Food & Nutrition Services, 360 Division St, Hamburg, NY 14075**

If you have a foster child in your household, you may include them on your application. A separate application is not needed. Call Anne Rich at 646-3250 x 5005 if you need help. Ensure that all information requested is provided. Failure to do so may result in denial of benefits for your child or unnecessary delay in approving your application.

PART 1 ALL HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE STUDENT INFORMATION. DO NOT FILL OUT MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

- (1) Print the names of the children, including foster children, for whom you are applying on one application.
- (2) List their grade and school.
- (3) Check the box to indicate a foster child living in your household, or if you believe any child meets the description for homeless, migrant, runaway (a school staff will confirm this eligibility).

PART 2 HOUSEHOLDS GETTING SNAP, TANF OR FDPIR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 2 AND SIGN PART 4.

- (1) List a current SNAP, TANF or FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) case number of anyone living in your household. The case number is provided on your benefit letter.
- (2) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4. SKIP PART 3. Do not list names of household members or income if you list a SNAP case number, TANF or FDPIR number.

PART 3 ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE THESE PARTS AND ALL OF PART 4.

- (1) Write the names of everyone in your household, whether or not they get income. Include yourself, the children you are applying for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people in your household. Use another piece of paper if you need more space.
- (2) Write the amount of current income each household member receives, before taxes or anything else is taken out, and indicate where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions and other income. If the current income was more or less than usual, write that person's usual income. **Specify how often this income amount is received: weekly, every other week (bi-weekly), 2 x per month, monthly. If no income, check the box.** The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant, TANF and At Risk Child Care Programs should **not** be considered as income for this program.
- (3) Enter the total number of household members in the box provided. This number should include all adults and children in the household and should reflect the members listed in PART 1 and PART 3.
- (4) The application must include the last four digits only of the social security number of the adult who signs **PART 4** if Part 3 is completed. If the adult does not have a social security number, check the box. **If you listed a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR number, a social security number is not needed.**
- (5) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4.

OTHER BENEFITS: Your child may be eligible for benefits such as Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). To determine if your child is eligible, program officials need information from your free and reduced price meal application. Your written consent is required before any information may be released. Please refer to the attached parent Disclosure Letter and Consent Statement for information about other benefits.

USE OF INFORMATION STATEMENT

Use of Information Statement: The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not submit all needed information, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the primary wage earner or other adult household member who signs the application. The social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs.

We may share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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2020-21

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2020-21 Annual Membership Application

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____

Zip code: _____

Choose a Member Support Level and receive a

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- "Modified": \$10.00
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- Check if interested in volunteer opportunities

You can also join/renew membership

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- Follow us on Twitter & Like us on Facebook!
- Volunteer opportunities include varsity football games, various events where Booster Club can be promoted & The Dog House concessions at Howe Field
- **Mail memberships to:**
Hamburg Bulldogs Booster Club, Inc.
PO Box 87
Hamburg, NY 14075

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Hamburg Central School District Initial Notification

Pursuant to Section 409-H of State Education Law

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation to a student, and all faculty and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

If you desire, we will place your name on a list of individuals who will receive 48-hour prior notification of a pesticide application. Any person in parental relation to a student or any staff member who wishes to be added to the list of persons who want to receive 48-hour written notification should contact the Buildings and Grounds Office at 5305 Abbott Rd., Hamburg, NY, 14075, c/o Neighbor Notification Law. If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications scheduled to occur in your school, please complete the form below and return it to the above address.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Stephen Bykowicz at 646-3200, ext. 7230.

Additional information may be obtained on pesticide products by calling the National Pesticide Telecommunications Network information phone number, 1-800-858-7378, or the New York State Department of Health Center for Environmental Health information line at 1-800-458-1158.

Hamburg Central School District Request for Pesticide Application Notification (Please print)

_____ **School Building**
(Fill in appropriate school)

Name:

Address:

Day Phone:

Evening Phone:

E-Mail Address:

Sharing our good news

Hamburg Central wants to share its good news with the community. Students' achievements and creative works, as well as school programs and activities, are promoted through district-sponsored publications, the district website, social media, displays and outside media coverage. The district is allowed to release certain student information without prior parent consent, as permitted under the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Consistent with FERPA, the district may release the following "directory information" about a student, as appropriate, for non-commercial purposes: name, address, telephone number, electronic mail address; date of birth; enrollment status; grade level & major field of study; participation in school clubs, activities, sports; weight & height for members of athletic teams; dates of attendance; honors, degrees and awards received; photo or video; most recent previous educational institution or agency attended. The district may also, without prior parent consent, grant media access to students for interviews, photographs/videotaping/recording and use or release student-created works for publicity purposes.

Parents/guardians have the right under FERPA to refuse to allow the release of the above information ("opt-out") about a student and/or to refuse to grant media access, however they must notify the district in writing each school year. All opt-out correspondence should be sent to the building principal at the start of each school year.

Parents/guardians may also opt-out for publication of their child's name, photo, original work or video on the district website. An opt-out form for the website only is available at hamburgschools.org (See Community > Forms (Public) > Website Opt-Out Forms). Once received by the district, the website opt-out remains in effect until revoked in writing by the parent/guardian.