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Greater Chicago Food Depository to provide food for Chicago children during CPS strike *Food Depository partners with libraries, parks and YMCA sites for snacks and meals*

During the anticipated Chicago Public Schools teachers strike, the Greater Chicago Food Depository will partner with libraries, parks and YMCA of Metro Chicago sites to help provide food to Chicago's youth.

The Food Depository is Chicago's food bank, serving a network of more than 700 agencies and programs in Chicago and throughout Cook County. We're committed to feeding people facing hunger, including children who may struggle to access nutritious food during the work stoppage related to the impasse between the city and its teachers.

Should the strike occur, these plans will go into effect for Thursday, Oct. 17, and Friday, Oct. 18. If the strike continues beyond that point, the Food Depository will monitor and respond accordingly in similar fashion.

The Food Depository will provide light snacks and fruit to 15 Chicago Public Library branches, 11 YMCA sites and 21 Chicago Park District locations. Additionally, we're partnering with specific library branches and YMCA locations to provide a cold meal option, such as sandwiches and wraps, for youth ages 18 and under.

The Food Depository's response is part of the city of Chicago's contingency plan. To find a site near you, use the Contingency Site Locator Map at: <https://schoolinfo.cps.edu/Map-Contingencyregistration/>

Below is the list of the locations supported by the Food Depository with light snacks and fruit during the strike. Light snacks and fruit will be available during site location's operating hours, while supplies last.

Cold meals for youth 18 and under are only available as indicated below and while supplies last.

Chicago Public Library branches:

- 1) North Austin, 5724 W. North Ave. Cold meals from 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- 2) RMD, 733 N. Kedzie Ave. Cold meals from 1-2 p.m.
- 3) Little Village, 2311 S. Kedzie Ave. Cold meals from 1-2 p.m.
- 4) Toman, 2708 S. Pulaski Rd. Cold meals from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

- 5) Kelly, 6151 S. Normal Blvd. Cold meals from 1-2 p.m.
- 6) Greater Grand Crossing, 1000 East 73rd St. Cold meals from 1-2 p.m.
- 7) Thurgood Marshall, 7506 S. Racine Ave. Cold meals from 1-2 p.m.
- 8) Woodson Regional, 9525 S. Halsted. Cold meals from 1-2 p.m.
- 9) West Chicago, 4856 W. Chicago Ave.
- 10) Austin, 5615 W. Race Ave.
- 11) West Englewood, 1745 W. 63rd St.
- 12) Whitney Young, 7901 S. King Dr.
- 13) South Chicago, 9055 S. Houston Ave.
- 14) Pullman, 11001 S. Indiana Ave.
- 15) Sulzer Regional, 4455 N. Lincoln Ave.

YMCA locations:

- 1) Rauner, 2700 S. Western Ave. Cold meals from 12-2 p.m.
- 2) West Communities, 6235 S. Homan Ave. Cold meals from 12-2 p.m.
- 3) High Ridge, 2424 W. Touhy Ave. Cold meals from 3:15-3:45 p.m.
- 4) Kelly Hall, 824 N. Hamlin Ave. Cold meals from 5:30-6 p.m.
- 5) South Side, 6330 S. Stony Island Ave. Cold meals from 12-1 p.m. and 3-4 p.m.
- 6) Irving Park, 4251 W. Irving Park Rd.
- 7) Lake View, 3333 N. Marshfield Ave.
- 8) McCormick, 1834 N. Lawndale Ave.
- 9) Leaning Tower, 6300 W. Touhy Ave., Niles
- 10) Lattof, 300 E. Northwest Highway, Des Plaines
- 11) North Lawndale, 3449 W. Arthington St.

Chicago Park District sites (Cold meals provided by the Park District will be available from 3-5 p.m. at all sites):

- 1) Warren, 6601 N. Western Ave.
- 2) Garfield, 100 N. Central Park Ave.
- 3) Rosedale, 6312 W. Rosedale Ave.
- 4) Margate, 4321 N. Marine Dr.
- 5) Riis, 6100 W. Fullerton Ave.
- 6) Gompers, 4222 W. Foster Ave.
- 7) Hamlin, 3035 N. Hoyne Ave.
- 8) Warren, 6601 N. Western Ave.
- 9) Taylor, 39 W. 47th St.
- 10) Dvorak, 1119 W. Cullerton St.
- 11) Columbus, 500 S. Central Ave.
- 12) McKinley, 2210 W. Pershing Ave.
- 13) Archer, 4901 S. Kilbourn Ave.
- 14) Humboldt, 1400 N. Humboldt Dr.
- 15) Washington, 5531 S. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr.
- 16) Hamilton, 513 W. 72nd St.
- 17) Ridge, 9625 S. Longwood Dr.

- 18) West Lawn, 4233 W. 65th St.
- 19) Trumbull, 2400 E. 105th St.
- 20) South Shore CC, 7059 S. South Shore Dr.

Families in need of additional food assistance during the strike can find the nearest food pantry to them at chicagosfoodbank.org/find-food

About the Greater Chicago Food Depository

The Greater Chicago Food Depository, Chicago's food bank, believes a healthy community starts with food. We are at the center of a network of more than 700 partner organizations and programs – food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, mobile distributions and other partners – working to bring food, dignity and hope to our neighbors across Chicago and Cook County. The Food Depository addresses the root causes of hunger with job training, advocacy and other innovative solutions. We are a proud member of Feeding America – the national network of food banks. By working to help those most in need go from hungry to hopeful, we truly become a Greater Chicago. Learn more at chicagosfoodbank.org