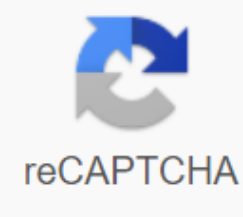




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(Denise Cathey/The Brownsville Herald) This dynamic was evident at Vermillion Elementary School on Thursday, where FNS staff distribute between 600 and 700 meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner every day, five days a week. The community probably doesn't realize that the FNS is self-funded, which means it doesn't receive any funding directly from BISSD, only refunds from the U.S. and Texas departments of agriculture, said Laura Villarreal, FNS administrator. He said FNS started serving dinner on Monday, which means we can serve three square meals a day, all at no cost to students or their families. Irma Ayala, a grandmother of two, waited in line with her grandson, Eric, to pick up meals for him and his sister Melissa Ayala, who goes to nearby Garcia High School. Eric attends Paredes Elementary, but his grandmother is able to pick up meals at Vermillion with an authorization letter and barcode. They are good people and they are doing a fantastic job, Ayala said, and to add that they have just started receiving meals. Parents picked up meals at four stops, one for breakfast, lunch and dinner, and one for scanning the barcode on the computer. Villarreal said BISSD serves about 202,500 meals a week, approximately 13,500 breakfasts, lunches and dinners, five days a week. Breakfast and lunch require a letter of authorization, but not dinner. They can be picked up for anyone from 0 to 18 years old, regardless of enrollment, he said. Belen Gonzalez, the cafeteria manager at Vermillion, said to prepare and distribute the it's an all-day job for her and her 19 employees. They make the kitchen batch to keep everything fresh, and four transportation department employees help, both in the kitchen and distributing meals to the departure areas. Villarreal said each of BISSD's 34 elementary schools distributes meals along with the district's six full-service high schools. District school is also distributing between 100-180 meals to outdoor areas via school buses. We need families to go out and participate, he said. We're here for your children. We love to know that children are getting our meals. Victoria Camachola, a mother, said she appreciates the district's help. They're being very kind to us, he said. Camachola collected meals for her two children. The eldest goes to Rivera Early College High School, and the youngest to Pullam Elementary. We're still getting used to distance learning, he said. It's very difficult. Let's hope we get back [glong@brownsvilleherald.com](mailto:glong@brownsvilleherald.com), the Brownsville Independent School District, it's not Bei Facebook. Um dich mit Brownsville Independent School District zu verbinden, tritt Facebook noch heute bei. The Brownsville Independent School District is not Facebook. Um dich mit Brownsville Independent School District zu verbinden, tritt Facebook noch heute bei. Eib.