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Whittier Union Partners with LA County to Distribute Free Food to Community Families

WHITTIER – Donning protective face coverings, gloves and yellow and orange safety vests, volunteers from Los Angeles County organized thousands of food boxes and loaded them into hundreds of vehicles that began lining up at 8:30 a.m. as part of a free drive-thru food giveaway at Pioneer High School.

The Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn, in partnership with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank and Whittier Union, sponsored the July 1 event, giving enough food away to feed 2,426 families. Each car that drove through received four 20-pound boxes of groceries, including protein, dairy, non-perishables and fresh produce.

“Partnerships like this are more important than ever as we confront this crisis and the impacts it is having on our students and families,” Superintendent Martin Plourde said. “We are grateful to Supervisor Hahn and the Regional Food Bank for hosting this event for our community, providing families with much-needed support and sustenance during what may be a very challenging time in their lives.”

For more information on L.A. County's food resources during the COVID-19 crisis, visit <https://covid19.lacounty.gov/food/>.

Whittier Union will also continue hosting its grab-and-go breakfast and lunch drive-thru service for children 18 years and younger from 11 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday through July 16. [Click here](#) for more information.

PHOTO CAPTIONS

070220_WUHS_D_FOODGIVEAWAY1: Pioneer High School Assistant Principal of Business and Activities Craig Fox, LA County Parks and Recreation Regional Operations Manager Mika Yamamoto and Principal Lilia Bozigian are pictured at the county's free drive-thru food giveaway at Pioneer High School on July 1.

070220_WUHS_D_FOODGIVEAWAY2: Volunteers load four 20-pound food boxes into the vehicles of area families during a drive-thru giveaway sponsored by Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn and the LA Regional Food Bank.

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