

## THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HARRISBURG

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Dear Harrisburg School District Parents and Guardians:

We are pleased to inform you that the Harrisburg School District will continue to participate in a provision known as the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the 2022-2023 school year. This program is available to schools and school districts that participate in National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.

CEP is a non-pricing meal service option for schools and school districts in low-income areas. CEP allows the nation's highest poverty schools and districts to serve reimbursable breakfasts and lunches at no cost to all enrolled students without collecting household applications. Instead, schools that adopt CEP are reimbursed using a formula based on the percentage of students categorically eligible for free meals based on their participation in other specific means-tested programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

All students enrolled in the Harrisburg School District are eligible to receive a reimbursable nutritious breakfast and lunch each school day at no charge to your household. No further action is required of you to participate in this free program. Your child(ren) will be able to participate in these meal programs without paying a fee or submitting an application.

For questions or additional information, please contact Harrisburg School District's Food Service Department at (717) 703-4183 or the Office of the Superintendent at (717) 703-4024. To learn more about the CEP program, <u>click</u> here to visit the U.S. Department of Agriculture website.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

## Beth King

District Food Service Director

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