

Letter to Households

School divisions participating divisionwide in the Community Eligibility Provision for school year 2023-2024



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Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to let you know that all schools in Caroline County Public Schools will be implementing the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for school year 2023-2024. CEP allows eligible schools participating in the USDA National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program to provide meals at no cost to all students without meal applications.

What does this mean for you and your student(s) attending the school(s) identified above?

Great news! All students attending any school in Caroline County Public Schools are eligible to receive a nutritious breakfast and lunch at school at **no charge** to your household each school day. You do not have to take any action. The student(s) in your household who attend a participating CEP school will receive a complete breakfast and lunch meal at no cost without you paying a fee or submitting a meal application.

If you have questions or need help, please contact us at Ellen Stephens at 804-633-6732, option 1.

Sincerely,

Ellen Stephens

Program Coordinator

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