

## Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that the Marion County School District will continue to implement Community Eligibility Program (CEP). This is a program available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.

## What does this change mean for Marion County School District?

Great news for you and your student! All enrolled students of Marion County School District are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at **NO CHARGE** to your household each day of the 2023-2024 school year. No further action is required of you. You do **NOT** have to fill out a meal application.

Participation in CEP will be a year to year decision. If it becomes a financial burden for our district, we will be forced to return to meal applications to determine eligibility.

It is very important that all students take advantage of CEP by eating both breakfast and lunch in the cafeteria. Greater participation equals greater financial reimbursement for our district.

If we can be of any further assistance, please email the Child Nutrition Department at <a href="mailto:swilks@marionk12.org">swilks@marionk12.org</a>.

Sincerely,

Sissy Wilks, Child Nutrition Director Marion County School District

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