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Alexander City Schools Approve CEP

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Alexander City, AL - Alexander City Schools' Board voted to move forward with implementing a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program for Alexander City Schools during the June 28, 2022 board meeting. Approval of CEP allows high-need schools to offer breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge. Shortly after the COVID-19 pandemic began, the federal government gave additional funds that allowed child nutrition programs to feed all students—even those who were not previously eligible—breakfast and lunch at no charge. While free meals for all students have been a welcome relief, those federal benefits ended June 30, 2022.

Implementing Community Eligibility Provision will allow all ACS students to continue to enjoy breakfast and lunch at no cost for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year. Any school district, group of schools in a district, or school with 40 percent or more children who are certified eligible for free school meals without a household application can choose to participate. Each school cafeteria will sell a la carte options in addition to the meal provided.

"I am grateful that the Alexander City Schools' Board approved Dr. Price's recommendation to implement the Community Eligibility Provision program for our students," stated Donette Worthy, Child Nutrition Director. "This will benefit our students greatly as well as the families in our community."

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