



Dear RCES Parents,

Welcome back to school! We are pleased to let you know that RCES will be implementing the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the school year 2023-2024. CEP allows eligible schools participating in the USDA National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program to provide breakfast and lunch at no cost to ALL students. Good news! This makes all students at RCES eligible for participation in the Rappahannock Food Pantry's Backpack Program.

This Backpack Program provides students with food items for the weekend. The Food Pantry provides 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, 2 drinks and 2 snacks. Items may include oatmeal, cereal, canned vegetables, rice, mashed potatoes or macaroni and cheese, Chef Boy-R-Dee variety, canned tuna or chicken, milk, juice, applesauce, mixed fruit, goldfish, peanut butter, raisins or cheese crackers.

The backpacks are delivered to classrooms on Fridays for students to bring home. This year items will be in a reusable book bag that will be returned to their teacher on Mondays to be refilled. If you have any questions about this program, please contact guidance counselor Ms. Kayla Robey at RCES.

Please complete the form below and return it to RCES with other back-to-school forms and paperwork.

\_\_\_\_\_ I **am** interested in participating in the Backpack Program.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student's grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am **not** interested in participating in the Backpack Program.