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Dear Parents and Guardians:

We are pleased to announce that your school will continue to implement an option available to select schools in Tennessee that participate in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. It is called the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

The Community Eligibility Provision, a key provision of The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, allows the nation's highest poverty districts and schools to serve all students free meals without the burden of collecting household applications. This alternative saves districts and schools time and money by streamlining paperwork and administrative requirements. CEP gives foodservice professionals more time to focus on preparing nutritious meals their students will enjoy and gives students more time to eat those meals by cutting down on time spent in the lunch line. Because all students receive meals at no charge, individual children at CEP schools no longer must worry about the stigma associated with free or reduced-price status. And most importantly, by offering all students a nutritious breakfast and lunch at no cost, CEP helps boost participation, helping schools ensure more students come to class well-nourished and ready to learn. For more information, visit:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/community-eligibility-provision>

What does CEP mean for my student(s) who attend a participating school? In a CEP school, **all** students receive a nutritious breakfast and lunch at no cost, regardless of family income.

What if my child changes schools? Your child is eligible for free meals at the school where he/she is currently enrolled. If he/she eats meals at or transfers to a non-CEP school during the school year, you may be responsible for meal charges. If transferring to a non-CEP school, a free/reduced application is required to be considered for free or reduced-price meals.

Withdrawn students and/or graduating students with money left in the child's meal account? Please request any money left in your child's meal account no later than 10 days after the last day of enrollment. Requests should be written and can be made to the following address above or to the email below. Please include the following information: child's name, your name, phone number, and the correct address for the check to be mailed. A request can also be made to transfer the funds to a sibling or another account. Any money under \$25.00 left in your child's account after the 10 days of the withdrawal or graduation will be transferred to an "extra money" account and be deemed as a donation in our computer system to be used for other accounts in need.

If paying with cash, ALL change will be applied to the student's meal account. This helps to decrease the spread of germs and gives students more time to eat meals by cutting down on time spent in the lunch line. You may pay in cash, check or at <https://linqconnect.com/>

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Hamby at khamby@ccschools.k12tn.net or 931-484-6722.

Respectfully,

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