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Sample Letter to Households in School Districts Participating in

**Community Eligibility Provision**

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that [Insert Name of School District Implementing CEP] will implement a new option available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs called the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for School Year [Insert School Year].

**What does this mean for you and your children?** Great news for you and your children!

All enrolled students of

[Insert Name of School(s) Implementing CEP]

are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at **no charge** to your household each day of the [Insert School Year] school year. No further action is required of you. Your children will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay for meals or submit an application.

If your children attend schools that are not participating in CEP, your household may still need to fill out a confidential meal application or pay for meals.

If you have questions, please contact your Food Service Office.

If we can be of any further assistance, please contact us at [Insert Contact Information].

Sincerely,

[Contact Person]

[Phone Number]

[Email Address]

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   (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
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