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Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that Norfolk Public Schools will once again implement an option available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs called the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). CEP allows eligible schools participating in the USDA National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program to provide meals at no cost to all students without meal applications. This option will be utilized division-wide, in every Norfolk Public School.

What does this mean for you and your children?

It's great news! All enrolled students attending Norfolk Public Schools are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at **no charge** to your household each instructional day of the 2023-2024 academic school year.

No further action is required of you. Your child(ren) will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit a meal application.

If you have questions or need help, please contact the Office of School Nutrition by emailing schoolnutrition@nps.k12.va.us or by calling (757) 628-2760.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Winter, SNS
Senior Director of School Nutrition

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