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**Norfolk Public Schools To Provide Free Meals to Every Student**

NORFOLK, VA – Norfolk Public Schools has received approval for all schools to participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) as implemented under the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. Enrolled students will be provided a nutritious meal for breakfast and lunch each day at no charge to the household. Households will not be required to submit a meal application form to receive meals at no charge. Each household will receive a letter informing them of the program, including contact information for any questions.

“Being able to provide free meals to all our students is an outstanding step toward ensuring equity and excellence for all,” said Superintendent Dr. Sharon I. Byrdsong. “Nutritious meals are critical to make sure every student is healthy and ready to learn every day.”

NPS has 34 sites offering grab-n-go meals for the first nine weeks of the school year, beginning on the first day of school, September 8. Any student and/or parent/guardian may pick up breakfast, lunch, snack, and a hot supper Monday through Friday, FREE of charge, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the following sites:

Elementary Schools	Middle and High Schools
Bay View Richard Bowling Camp Allen Chesterfield Academy Coleman Place Crossroads Fairlawn Ingleside Jacox Larchmont Larrymore Lindenwood Little Creek Primary Monroe Ocean View Oceanair P.B. Young Sr. Sewell’s Point Sherwood Forest Southside STEM Academy at Campostella St. Helena Suburban Park Tanner’s Creek Tarrallton W.H. Taylor Tidewater Park Willard	Azalea Garden Middle Blair Middle Lake Taylor School Northside Middle  Booker T. Washington High School Granby High School Norview High School

Norfolk Public Schools (NPS) is on a mission to ensure that all students maximize their academic potential, develop skills for lifelong learning, and become successful contributors to a global society. We believe Norfolk Public Schools is the cornerstone of a proudly diverse community with highly qualified teachers and staff dedicated to providing diverse teaching and learning opportunities for all students.