

COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION (CEP)

PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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WHAT IS CEP?

Provides alternative to household applications for free and reduced price meals in high poverty districts.

CEP schools use an approved % for meal claiming purposes based on the number of identified students as of 4/1. This is not the same as % certified through household applications. This rate is guaranteed to not go down for 4 years, but may go up if numbers increase.

District may participate in CEP for some or all schools.

Eligible schools must have minimum 40% FRL.

Must serve FREE breakfast AND lunch to all students in CEP schools.

Identified students are multiplied by a factor of 1.6 and those are reimbursed at FREE rate. Others are reimbursed at the PAID rate.

EXAMPLE 1

UHS FRL=65%

Identified students= $49.95\% \times 1.6=79.92\%$

30% of all meals served at UHS are reimbursed at the FREE rate.

20% of all meals served at UHS are reimbursed at the PAID rate

EXAMPLE 2

Prairie FRL=90%

Identified students= $78.61\% \times 1.6=125.77\%$

100% of all meals served at Prairie are reimbursed at FREE rate.

Traditional Method					
		Total Meals Claimed	Lunches		Total Meals Claimed
Free		174,541		Free	350,231
Reduced-Price		5,538		Reduced-Price	17,994
Paid		10,947		Paid	71,071
Total Breakfasts Claimed		191,026		Total Lunches Claimed	439,296
		Student Prices			Student Prices
Reduced-Price		\$0.30		Reduced-Price	\$0.40
Paid		\$1.00		Paid	\$1.85
Total Breakfast Revenue		\$366,800.86	Total Lunch Revenue	\$1,294,342.34	
Total Revenue Based on Traditional Claiming: \$1,661,143.20					

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Method						Increase in Meals Served	
Enrollment Identified Students	4,051	5	Total Breakfasts Claimed	191,026	Breakfast % Increase		
	2,339		Total Lunches Claimed	439,296			
% of Identified Students	57.74%	6	Total Breakfast Revenue	\$ 349,963.40	Lunch % Increase		
% of Meals Reimbursed at Free Rate	92.38%	7	Total Lunch Revenue	\$ 1,266,065.17	Increased Breakfast Revenue		36
% of Meals Reimbursed at the Paid Rate	7.62%	8			Increased Lunch Revenue		1,3
Total Revenue Based on CEP Claiming: \$1,616,028.57						Total Revenue: \$1,661,143.20	

PROS

All students eat free at no cost to District. May increase revenues if participation increases (1%=\$16,000)

Parents only pay on account for ala carte items

Eliminates verification process

Can drop out of program at the end of any school year

Some small savings on program administration

CONS

- Doesn't eliminate applications completely. Still need for fee waiver
- Potential negative impact on registration fee revenue
- Potential unanticipated impact on other programs
- Negative PR if we decide to end program after a few years
- Challenge of increasing our identified student % in future years

IMPACT ON OTHER PROGRAMS

No more tracking of F/R/P eligibility by student.

Early Childhood is under CACFP program and will not be eligible for CEP. They will continue to accept applications on all students for their program.

Grants (Title I and E-rate) will utilize individual schools identified student %. Title I is currently not impacted unless rules change with reauthorization.

Alternative household form will be used to determine low income status for fee waiver.

EXT STEPS

Application deadline is 6/30/15.

Board recommendation will be made prior to June 16 Business Meeting.

QUESTIONS?