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Dear Charleston CUSD#1 Parent or Guardian:

Date: August 22, 2022

We are pleased to inform you that all schools in our district *will* be implementing a new option available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs called the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the current school year.

What does this mean for you and your children attending the school(s) identified above?

Great news for you and your students! All CUSD#1 enrolled students are now eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at **no charge** to your household each day of the 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 an application.

This program encompasses the entire 2022 – 2023 school year, so it will go into effect immediately, and will also be retroactive for the previous two days of food service provided last week. Any breakfast/lunch charges on your child's food service account from August 18th and/or August 19th, 2022 will be refunded back to their accounts. There will still be charges for any a la carte purchases as well as any second meal purchases. For this reason, families may want to leave any existing balances on your child's food service account. If you do wish to receive a refund for the account balance, please be patient and understanding of the length of time it will likely take us to process such a high number of requests. With that being said, if you do still wish to request a refund, please send an email to:

eds@charleston.k12.il.us with the following information included:

1. Your child's name and which school they attend
2. Amount to be refunded
3. Name of the person who the check should be issued to
4. Address where the check should be mailed

If you have questions regarding the CEP Program or refunds for paid breakfasts and lunches during the first two days of school, please contact the CUSD1 District Office at 217-639-1000.

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