

LAS CRUCES PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
MEDIA RELEASE FOR FREE MEALS FOR  
COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION  
National School Lunch/Breakfast Program  
School Year 2023-2024

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The *Las Cruces Public Schools* announced today it will operate the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) districtwide under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the *2023-2024* school year.

All schools will operate CEP and serve breakfast and lunch to all children at no charge and eliminate the collection of meal applications for free, reduced-price, and paid student meals. This new approach reduces burdens for both families and school administrators and helps ensure that students receive nutritious meals.

For additional information please contact the following person:

Las Cruces Public Schools  
Attention: Veronica Quintana, Secretary  
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Sincerely,

*Edwanda Williams, Executive Director Nutrition Services*

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