



DEPEW UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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To: Depew UFSD Board of Education
Dr. Hank Stopinski, Superintendent of Schools

From: Donna L. Hill, School Business Administrator

Re: **Approval Announcement of Community Eligibility Provision for all K-12
Depew UFSD Students**

It is with great pleasure to announce that the Depew Union Free School District has received a four (4) year Community Eligibility Provision approval for grades K-12 for the 2023-2024 academic school year.

CEP is a federal provision that allows high-poverty schools to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students. This option increases school meal participation by removing stigma, maximizes federal reimbursements, reduces administrative paperwork, and eliminates unpaid school meal debt.

More information will be forthcoming but beginning in September all meals will be free of charge for the entire student population. Further notification will be available on the district website and will also be sent home with students on the last day of school and/or included in the mailing of report cards.

Each family will be requested to complete the CEP application which is critical in the success of the program and to maintain receiving adequate federal funds for our instructional programs at Depew UFSD.

A very heartfelt thank you to Joseph Metty, School Lunch Manager, and his teams in each of our buildings. Their dedication, efforts, and love for the students and families in this district is well recognized.