



Depew Union Free School District Press Release

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Public Announcement for School Meals

Special Provision Options (Provision 2 Non-Base Year & Community Eligibility Provision)

It is with great pleasure to announce that Depew Union Free School District has received a four (4) year Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) approval for all children served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the 2023-2024 academic school year, which would allow for all children at all schools to be served meals at no charge.

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 information will be available on the district website.

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.

For additional information please contact the following person:

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Depew Food Service
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