Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to announce that Depew Union Free School District has been approved for the Community Eligibility Program which is an option available to eligible schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for 2023-2024 School Year.

What does this mean for K-12 students attending Depew Union Free School District?

All K-12 students enrolled at <u>Cayuga Heights</u>, <u>Depew Middle and Depew High School</u> will receive a healthy breakfast and lunch each school day in 2023-2024 at <u>NO Charge</u>. Please note that in addition to the free meals, your child(ren) will still be able to purchase ala carte items and utilize My School Bucks as in the past. <u>Each family will be requested to complete a CEP application (which is included in this packet)</u>, this is critical to the success of the program and to maintain receiving adequate federal funds for our instructional programs and to continue being eligible for the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) here at Depew UFSD.

A la Carte items, snacks and 2nd meals will be priced accordingly. Your children will still be able to use their MySchoolBucks account or cash for these items, but will not be allowed to purchase these items if their account is negative. If you are looking for a secure way to deposit your child's account, please refer to the enclosed My School Bucks letter enclosed. This letter will guide you through creating an account. It is a safe and convenient way for you to place money on your child's account so they can make purchases without using cash.

If you have any further questions, please contact us at 716-686-5010 or 716-686-5009

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