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Re: Student Meal Eligibility

To whom it may concern,

This letter is to confirm that all students enrolled in Baltimore City Public Schools are eligible for free school meals in school years 2024-2025, 2025-2026, 2026-2027, and 2027-2028.

Baltimore City Public Schools (City Schools) currently participates in the Community Eligibility Program (CEP), through which all district students are eligible for free and nutritious meals in school – with no associated fee or student application.

Since June 2015, City Schools has implemented CEP in every school in the district. Per federal regulation, CEP districts must prove eligibility every four years, and City Schools last did so in June 2024; current eligibility status is therefore valid through June 2028. More information on CEP is available at <a href="https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/community-eligibility-provision">https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/community-eligibility-provision</a>.

If you require any further assistance or information, please contact me at 410-545-6870.

Sincerely,

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