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**Letter to Parents for School Meal Programs
Special Provision Options (Provision 2 Non-Base Year & Community Eligibility Provision)**

Dear Parent or Guardian:


We are pleased to inform you that Northeastern Clinton Central School District will be implementing a meal certification option available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for 2023-2024.

What does this mean for your child(ren) attending the school(s) identified above?

All students enrolled at Northeastern Clinton Central School District are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at **no charge** to your household each day of the 2023-2024 school year. No further action is required of you. Your child(ren) will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit an application.

If you have any further questions, please contact us at Kim Wright 518-298-8242 ext. 1009.

Sincerely,


Robb Garrano
Superintendent of Schools

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FREE Meals for All Students!

For the 2023-24 school year, Northeastern Clinton CSD is participating in the Community Eligibility Program (CEP), serving meals to students at no cost. This means students will have the opportunity to enjoy one breakfast and one lunch daily for free throughout the academic year. Under the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act of 2012 there are required dietary components that must be selected in order to be eligible as a “meal” in the National School Lunch Program. Not only does this offer a well balanced, healthy meal for our students, but it also avoids costly “a la carte” charges for individual items.

The meal pattern consists of five meal components: Fruit, Vegetable, Grain, Meat / Meat alternative (Proteins).

All students at any grade level MUST take: At least 3 of the 5 components and ONE of the selections must be a fruit or vegetable.

In order to reduce the amount of waste, we have chosen to implement an “Offer Versus Serve” approach to the regulation. Basically, it allows the students to choose different options within the components that are more appealing to them compared to the old fashioned meals where you only received what was served as a special meal of the day. For example, the necessary fruit/vegetable component may be satisfied by choosing from either: An assortment of fresh fruit, assortment of canned fruit, hot vegetable and fresh vegetable

CEP offers a great opportunity for everyone to eat together in the cafeteria and hopefully make it easier for students and families to confidently check breakfast and lunch off their list. We’re excited to serve even more students in the community this year, helping to fuel busy days with favorite menu items and a variety of delicious new recipes!

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