



ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that the **Arkansas School for the Blind School District** will be implementing a new option available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs called the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for School Year 2021-2022.

What does this mean for you and your children attending the school(s) identified above?

Great news for you and your students! All enrolled students of the **Arkansas School for the Blind School District** are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at **no charge** to your household each day of the 2021-2022 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 a meal application.**

If we can be of any further assistance, please contact us at **(800)-362-4451.**

Sincerely,

Barbara Cole, Child Nutrition Director

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