

**PALESTINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
1007 E. PARK AVENUE  
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**OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION**

Date: June 25, 2019  
To: Board of Trustees  
From: David Atkeisson, Director of Business Services/CFO  
Subject: Community Eligibility Provision

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) is a federal option that allows high-poverty schools to provide free meals—both breakfast and lunch—to all students without having to collect school meal applications. Instead, the Texas Department of Agriculture reimburses schools through a formula based on the number of “identified students”—children directly certified without application for free school meals due to their enrollment in other need-based programs for low-income students.

The Washington Early Childhood Center has always qualified for the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) due to the campus having 100% economically disadvantaged students. Based on this year’s slightly higher than usual economic disadvantaged rate at the following campuses: Northside Primary, Southside Elementary, and A.M. Story Intermediate; these campuses qualify for CEP during the 2019-2020 school year. Texas school nutrition programs have until June 30, 2019 to sign up for the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the 2019-2020 school year.

It is my recommendation that we apply for the Community Eligibility Provision for Northside Primary, Southside Elementary, and A.M. Story Intermediate to enable the district to provide free breakfast and lunch during the 2019-2020 school year.

Respectfully submitted,



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