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Date: April 11, 2025
To: Margo Empen, Superintendent
From: Marc Campbell, Chief School Business Official
RE: FY 26 Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Analysis Results

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) is an option under Section 104(a) of the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 which ultimately provides an option for a school district to provide free breakfast and lunch to every student. The reimbursement rates as a CEP District are different than our traditional claiming method as a National School Lunch Program (NSLP) District. Additionally, these rates are different based on the percentage of the districts "Identified Students." Below is an abbreviated summary of rates.

CEP Identified Student %	Free Claiming % , (* 1.6 USDA Factor)	Paid claiming %	Aver. Lunch Reimbursement	Average Breakfast Reimbursement
62.5%	100.0%	0.0%	\$4.58	\$2.88
52.0%	83.2%	19.8%	\$3.90	\$2.46
45.0%	72.0%	28.0%	\$3.45	\$2.18
35.0%	56.0%	44.0%	\$2.80	\$1.78
25%	40.0%	60.0%	\$2.15	\$1.39

Currently our reimbursement rates for NSLP are;

- Breakfast: Reduced Rate = \$2.07 and Free Rate = \$2.37
- Lunch: Reduced Rate = \$4.12 and Free = \$4.52

The process of determining the cost or valuation of the CEP program

- 1) Find the number of students as of April 1, 2025 who represent the "Identified Students" for the evaluation. (Note: This is not your Free and Reduced Population.)
- 2) Make preliminary calculations. ISBE provides a spreadsheet to enter enrollments, identified students, and meal counts which will make a comparison calculation based on reimbursement rates. (Note: The spreadsheet takes into consideration an increase in meals factor.) See page #2
- 3) If preliminary calculations and desire of the District is to move forward, then the application process begins.

Analysis Results: See the spreadsheet

- Traditional claiming reimbursement = \$828,000
- CEP claiming reimbursement = \$690,000
- Implementation of the CEP program would cost the District approximately \$130,000/year.

As a result of the CEP analysis, District Administration cannot recommend the implementation of CEP at this time. This analysis has been and will continue to be a yearly evaluation.

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Traditional Method					
Breakfasts		Total Meals Claimed	Lunches		Total Meals Claimed
		54,465			100,610
	Free			Free	
	Reduced-Price	5,531		Reduced-Price	10,356
	Paid	15,238		Paid	44,630
	Total Breakfasts Claimed	75,234		Total Lunches Claimed	155,596
		Student Prices			Student Prices
	Reduced-Price	\$0.30		Reduced-Price	\$0.40
	Paid	\$1.20		Paid	\$2.95
Total Breakfast Revenue	\$168,597.54	Total Lunch Revenue	\$660,010.52		
Total Revenue Based on Traditional Claiming: \$828,608.06					
Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Method					
1	Enrollment	2,375	5	Total Breakfasts Claimed	75,234
	Identified Students	1,104			
2	% of Identified Students	46.48%	6	Total Lunches Claimed	155,596
3	% of Meals Reimbursed at Free Rate	74.37%	7	Total Breakfast Revenue	\$ 142,370.54
4	% of Meals Reimbursed at the Paid Rate	25.63%	8	Total Lunch Revenue	\$ 548,036.63
Total Revenue Based on CEP Claiming: \$690,407.17					
Traditional Claiming = \$828,608.06			vs.	CEP Claiming = \$690,407.17	
Traditional Claiming Provides Greater Reimbursement					
CEP - Average Reimbursement Rate per BREAKFAST (based on above data)			CEP - Average Reimbursement Rate per LUNCH (based on above data)		
\$ 1.89			\$ 3.52		

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