

Denton Independent School District
Community Eligibility Provision Approval
April 23, 2024

SUMMARY:

This item requests approval of the Community Eligibility Provision to be implemented for the academic year 2024-2025.

BOARD VALUES

Growth & Management...In the pursuit of excellence, we value

- providing leadership and/or oversight to ensure Denton ISD meets all fiscal, legal and regulatory requirements.
- demonstrating effective and efficient management of district resources.

Culture & Climate...In the pursuit of excellence, we value

- promoting health, wellness, and emotional well-being.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

None

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On July 29, 2016, FNS published a final rule, National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program: Eliminating Applications through Community Eligibility as Required by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (81 FR 50194, July 29, 2016; 7 CFR 245.9(f)), which codified most provisions of the proposed rule. The final rule helped to increase access to healthy school meals, improve operations, and enhance the integrity of the school meal programs.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

- Transition at the approved campus locations from paid meals to universal free
- Communication to Campus Staff and Administrative teams
- Communication plans to ensure accurate information is shared with families

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

Campus budgets will not be impacted by negative balance issues. Budget savings of over \$40,000 compared to previous year.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

Allows Denton ISD students at the approved 10 campus locations to participate in breakfast and lunch meals at no cost.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the implementation of USDA program Community Eligibility Provision be implemented for the academic year 2024.2025. This approval comes with an annual renewal for 4 one-year periods.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Dr. Jeremy Thompson, Deputy Superintendent
Chris Bomberger, Executive Director of Risk Management, Benefits & Child Nutrition
Elizabeth Raftery, Director of Child Nutrition

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____