

## Office of the State Superintendent of Education Announces Eligible Local Education Authorities (LEAs) and Schools in the Community Eligibility Provision School Year 2016-17

Attached is a list of the Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and their school sites in the District of Columbia that are eligible to participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP). These LEAs and schools have an identified student (direct certification, homeless, or foster care) population of 40 percent or more according to data reported in the District of Columbia's Direct Certification System report, or by the State Agency Homeless Coordinator and/or the Department of Child and Family Services, as of April 1 of this year. Reported this year are also LEAs or schools that have an identified student population of greater than 30 percent but less than 40 percent, making them near eligible.

Under CEP, schools are required to offer both breakfast and lunch meals. Eligible schools under this provision will be able to count and claim meals without having to conduct the normal free and reduced price meal application process. All students will be able to walk through the serving line and receive a free breakfast and lunch without being charged for meals at those schools electing to participate in CEP.

This is the second school year all schools around the country had the opportunity to take part in this provision to make it easier for eligible children in low income communities to receive free meals for breakfast and lunch.

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For more information of the Community Eligibility Provision, please contact the School Programs Manger, Elizabeth Leach at <u>Elizabeth.Leach@dc.gov</u>.

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