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Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that Lee County Board of Education will be implementing a program available to schools participating in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Programs called the **Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)**.

**What does this mean for you and your children attending the schools identified below?**

Great news! All enrolled students of Lee County Board of Education are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at **no cost** to your household starting January 1, 2024 each day of the school year. Your children will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit a meal application.

Please be aware that any negative balances on a students account will need to be cleared up by the parent as soon as possible before the end of the school year. A la carte items will also still be available at an extra cost to the student. Only the first reimbursable meal will be free for students.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact us at Lee County Board of Education, 334-705-4142.

Sincerely,

Krystal Paterson  
Director of Child Nutrition

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