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Community Eligibility Provision Press Release

FCSD #1- Pathfinder High School to Participate in Community Eligibility Provision

Pathfinder High School is slated to implement the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for Free Meal Reimbursement in School Year 2026-2027. Through CEP, a school district, a group of schools or a single school may offer meals at no charge to all students. This eliminates the requirement of households filling out applications for free and reduced meals.

The Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 includes the implementation of CEP to ensure that every student in low-income neighborhoods and/or districts can participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) free of charge. To qualify, a district or school must have 25 percent or more of its students eligible for free meals based on direct certification.

By participating in CEP and eliminating the need for meal applications, FCSD #1 will reduce administrative and printing costs. Families also benefit from the elimination of completing and submitting meal applications. Most importantly, students will benefit with access to free nutritious meals during the school day.

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