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Dear Parents or Guardians,

We are pleased to announce that Hartford Public Schools will continue implementing an option available to schools that participate in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. It is called the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) and will continue in school year 2020-2021.

What does CEP mean for my student(s) who attend Hartford Public Schools? In a CEP school, all students receive a nutritious breakfast and lunch at no cost, regardless of family income. Meal applications will not be collected.

What if my child changes schools? All Hartford Public Schools will be a CEP school in 2020-2021. Your child is eligible for meals at no cost at the school where he/she is enrolled.

If you have any questions you can contact the Food Service Department at 860.695.8490.

Sincerely,

Lonnie Burt
Senior Director
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