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Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to announce we will continue to operate the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the 2024-25 school year. Schools that participate in the CEP are able to provide a healthy breakfast and lunch each day at **no charge** for all students enrolled in a CEP school. What does this mean? Each student will be provided with a standard meal – breakfast and lunch - either the daily menu offering or the alternate meal is covered. Additional meals or “a la carte” items such as additional milk, bottled water, chips, etc., will still be available for purchase.

As a result of participating in the Community Eligibility Provision we are *eliminating the collection of meal applications for free, reduced-price, and paid student meals*. We are requesting that you complete the attached Household Income Form to determine eligibility for additional State and Federal program benefits that your child(ren) may qualify for. **Most importantly, such data is used for additional state and federal funding for rural, economically disadvantaged school districts such as Panama.** Please complete the form and return it to the main office of the school your child attends. We would like the forms returned by **September 20th**.

We feel that this program will be a benefit to the students and families in our district. Thank you for your assistance in ensuring that we are able to bring programs like CEP and others to our district.

If you have any further questions, please contact Amanda Kolstee at 716-782-4455.

Sincerely,



Aaron W. Wolfe
Superintendent

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