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## Letter to Parents for School Meal Programs Community Eligibility Provision School Year 2023-2024

## Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that Mechanicville City School District will be implementing a meal certification option available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for school year 2023-2024.

## What does this mean for your child(ren) attending the school(s) identified above?

All students enrolled at Mechanicville City Schools are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at **no charge** to your household each day of the 2023-2024 school year. No further action is required of you. Your child(ren) will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee, or submit an application.

I would like to request that each household complete a Household Income Form. Although this is not required to participate in the meal program the cumulative data from these forms may benefit our school district in other ways. (grants for STEM equipment, computers, athletics etc.) You may find this form at <a href="https://lingconnect.com/public/income-form/new?identifier=RQJ2ZK">https://lingconnect.com/public/income-form/new?identifier=RQJ2ZK</a>

If you have any further questions, please contact me at 1-518-652-2287 or dmackey@mechanicville.com

Sincerely,

Deb Mackey

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