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**Hoke County Schools Public Notice**

**ALL STUDENTS ENROLLED IN HOKE COUNTY SCHOOLS WILL RECEIVE REIMBURSABLE MEALS AT “NO CHARGE” FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR.**

 **All Schools within Hoke County Schools District will once again participate in the USDA federally funded program, Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the 2023-2024 school year.**

 **All students enrolled in Hoke County Schools will received their reimbursable breakfast and lunch meal at “NO CHARGE”. The Hoke County Schools Child Nutrition Program in conjunction with Hoke County Schools will not distribute and accept Free & Reduced Priced Meal Applications for the 2023-2024 School Year.**

**Any questions, please contact:**

**Deborah Davis Carpenter, Child Nutrition Executive Director,**

**Hoke County Board of Education, 310 Wooley Street, Raeford, NC, 28376.**

**Phone: (910) 875-4106**

“**Children must be healthy to learn and they must learn to be healthy”**

 Hoke County Schools Child Nutrition Services is honored to be a part of the National School Breakfast, School Lunch and Afterschool Snack Programs. We are proud to offer our students the nutrition they need to succeed. While adhering to the guidelines set forth by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), a variety of nutritious, delicious meals are offered to students each day for breakfast and lunch. Students cannot learn if they are hungry.

 Free and Reduced Priced Meal Applications will not be accepted and processed for the 2023-2024 school year. All students enrolled in the Hoke County Schools district will receive their reimbursable breakfast and lunch meal at “NO CHARGE”. Therefore, there is no need to administer Free and Reduced Priced Meal Applications.

 Thanks to the Federally Funded Program called CEP, all students attending CEP Schools (listed below) will receive their reimbursable breakfast and lunch meal at “NO CHARGE” for the 2023-2024 school year.

CEP schools are:

Don Steed Elementary

Hawk Eye Elementary

JW McLauchlin Elementary

Rockfish Hoke Elementary

Sandy Grove Elementary

Scurlock Elementary

West Hoke Elementary

Upchurch Elementary

East Hoke Middle

Sandy Grove Middle

West Hoke Middle

Hoke High

Turlington School

Sand Hoke Early College High

Hoke County Schools Child Nutrition Services looks forward to serving all students this school year to aid in their academic success. “Students must be healthy to learn, and they must learn to be healthy!”

If you have any questions regarding CEP Schools, please contact Deborah Davis Carpenter, Child Nutrition Executive Director and the Child Nutrition Services Team at 910.875.4106.

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