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# Media Release

## **Free and Reduced School Meal applications now available online**

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**Charleston, SC** – As a school district, it is the obligation of Charleston County School District (CCSD) to address child hunger and food insecurity. Even in the best of economic times, far too many families struggle to put food on the table. This is especially concerning for families, where children need nutritious food to both learn and grow up healthy and strong.

Today's environment is unlike anything our nation has ever experienced. We are on the brink of an economic and food security disaster that will impact every citizen, but disproportionately affect our most vulnerable population - our children.

To help ensure more eligible CCSD children are approved and receive free and reduced school meals the Department of Nutrition Services has created an online link for parents to apply.

You can apply online by clicking [here](#). This online application is quick, easy, and confidential. To see how easy it is to apply online view this short video [here](#).

For more information, please email the CCSD Nutrition Services Department at [Nutrition\\_Services@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:Nutrition_Services@charleston.k12.sc.us) or call 843-746-1375.

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### **About the Charleston County School District**

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally-accredited school district that is committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all of its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves more than 50,000 students in 87 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools. Options include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military.

