



Dear Bedford City School District Families,

7-1-2024

We are thrilled to announce that starting this school year 2024-2025, Bedford City School District will be participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the National School Lunch Program. This incredible initiative means that all students will receive free breakfast and lunch every day!

What Does This Mean for Your Child?

- **Free Meals for All:** Every student, regardless of household income, can enjoy nutritious and delicious meals at no cost.
- **High-Quality Standards:** Our meals will continue to meet the USDA nutritional guidelines, ensuring your child gets balanced and healthy options every day.
- **Convenience and Savings:** Families will save both time and money without the need to pack lunches or pay for school meals.

Why CEP is Beneficial:

- **Accessibility:** Ensures that all students have access to healthy meals, promoting better focus and learning in the classroom.
- **Inclusivity:** No child will go hungry or feel different based on their ability to pay for school meals.
- **Community Strength:** This program fosters a stronger, healthier school community where every student can thrive.

We are committed to providing great meals for your children and are proud to offer this valuable benefit. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact our Nutrition Services Department. [Ms Jennifer Dickson, 481 Northfield Rd. Bedford, Ohio, 44146 \(440\)786-3339 jdickson@bedfordschools.org](mailto:jdickson@bedfordschools.org)

FREE HEALTH CARE: Families with children eligible for school meals may be eligible for FREE health care coverage through Medicaid and/or Ohio's Healthy Start & Healthy Families programs. These programs include coverage for doctor visits, immunizations, physicals, prescriptions, dental, vision, mental health, substance abuse and more. Please call **1-800-324-8680** for more information or to request an application. Information can also be found on the web at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/consumers/familychild.stm>. Anyone who has an Ohio Medicaid card is already receiving these services.

Thank you for your continued support of Bedford City School District. We look forward to a fantastic school year!
Warm regards,

Ms Jennifer Dickson
Nutrition Services Supervisor
Bedford City School District

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