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HMC-1 Participates in Community Eligibility Program & School Breakfast Program

Kansas City, MO [January 23, 2025] – The Hickman Mills C-1 School District (HMC-1) will participate in a free breakfast and lunch program for the 2024-2025 school year. The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program allows eligible schools in high-poverty areas to serve free breakfast and lunch to all students, regardless of income. All students in the school district may participate in the breakfast and lunch programs at no charge. The district will not collect household applications for free and reduced-price meals.

“Research demonstrates that hunger negatively impacts a child’s ability to learn effectively,” HMC-1 Director of Nutrition Donna Hoover said. “By offering free breakfast and lunch to all students, we remove a significant financial obstacle that can hinder their academic success. School meals are not just nourishment but essential tools for education.”

The breakfast and lunch programs in HMC-1 schools follow U.S. Department of Agriculture guidelines for healthy school meals. These programs cannot succeed without parental support. The school district urges parents to encourage their children to participate in the school meal programs for all students at no charge.

About HMC-1

The Hickman Mills C-1 School District is dedicated to providing high-quality education and innovative learning opportunities for all students, ensuring they are prepared for success in college, careers, and life. HMC-1 is located in Kansas City, Missouri, covers 56 square miles and serves about 5,500 students from pre-kindergarten to twelfth grade. The district includes 13 schools and offers advanced courses, gifted programs, and a STEAM-focused, project-based curriculum for all students.

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