

# NORTH ADAMS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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## Community Eligibility Provision Notification

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that North Adams Community Schools will be implementing the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for meals served on the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the 2025-2026 school year.

All students enrolled at Belmont Elementary are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at **no charge** each day of the 2025-2026 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. To identify children who may qualify for free or low-cost health insurance under Medicaid or Hoosier Healthwise we encourage you to complete a 2025—2026 Household Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals.

A la carte items featuring Smart Snack choices are available to grades 3 & up. Students must have money in their account to purchase.

If we can be of any further assistance, please contact North Adams Community Schools Foodservice (260)724-7121 opt. 8.

Sincerely,

*Erin M. Ripley-Stewart, FSDS, NSD*

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