Sample Press Release for the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

School Year 2025-26

On August 25, 2025 the Consolidated School District of New Britain issued the CEP press release to the news media outlets and other relevant entities (e.g., the local unemployment office and major employers contemplating layoffs) indicated below.

1. New Britain Herald

2. New Britain Public Schools Website

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The Consolidated School District of New Britain announces its participation in the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) for school year 2025-26. All students enrolled at the schools listed below may participate in the breakfast and lunch program at no charge. Household applications are not required to receive free meals, but alternate income forms may be distributed by the school to collect household income data for other programs that require this information. The CEP is part of the federally funded National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program.

All students will be served breakfast and lunch at no charge at the following sites:
Brookside School, Brown-Springer Academic Center, The Catalyst Academy, Chamberlain Elementary School, DiLoreto Elementary & Middle School, Gaffney Elementary School, HALS Academy, Holmes Elementary School, Jefferson Elementary School, Lincoln Elementary School, New Britain High School, Northend Elementary School, Pulaski Middle School, Roosevelt Early Learning Center, Slade Middle School, Smalley Elementary School, Smith Elementary, Vance Elementary School

Persons interested in receiving more information should contact:
Consolidated School District of New Britain
Kate Murphy – Food Service Manager
272 Main Street New Britain CT, 06050
860-357-3813

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   1400 Independence Avenue, SW
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2. fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. email: program.intake@usda.gov

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