



## Administrative Offices

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7/21/2025

### Community Eligibility Provision Notification

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that Southwest Cook County Cooperative for Special Education will be participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Program for the upcoming school year.

**What does this mean for your children attending the special education programs provided by Southwest Cooperative?** Great news for you and your students! All enrolled students of the Southwest Cooperative are eligible to receive school meals at **no charge** to your household each day of this 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.

Although the Southwest Cooperative will no longer require or accept Household Eligibility Applications, your child(ren)'s residential district may still need to obtain socioeconomic data for waiving fees assessed by the home school. Completion of an alternative income form may be required by your child(ren)'s residential district to gather low income status of individual students. Any forms completed for this purpose should be returned directly to the residential district, not the Southwest Cooperative.

If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Kmetty at 708-342-5350 or [kkmetty@swccase.org](mailto:kkmetty@swccase.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tage Shumway".

Tage Shumway  
Business Manager

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