



Mount Vernon City School District
FOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that **MOUNT VERNON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT** will be implementing a provision known as the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) in the **2025/2026** school year. This program is available to schools and districts that are participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.

What does this mean for your child(ren)? **All enrolled students of the Mount Vernon City School District** are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at **no charge** to your household. 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. If you have any further questions, please contact Food Services at 914-665-5195 or djackson@mtvernoncsd.org.

Regards,

Donna M. Jackson

Donna M. Jackson, School Food Service Manager

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ATTENTION: If you speak Spanish, language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you. Contact your child's school.

ATENCIÓN: Si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Comuníquese con la escuela de su niño.