



PATERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that Paterson Public School District will be participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) to provide **free meals to all students during the 2025-2026 academic school year**. All enrolled students of Paterson Public Schools are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at **no cost** to your household each day of the 2025-2026 academic school year.

This letter is to inform you that your child(ren) will be able to participate in the lunch and breakfast programs without having to pay a fee.

For eligibility to be determined for Summer EBT benefits you must complete the School Meals and Summer EBT Application. Completing the application is also essential for us to provide the Department of Education with the information it needs to ensure our school/district will continue to receive critical state funding.

If you have any questions, please contact us at (973)321-1000.

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