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School Meals Continue Uninterrupted During Federal Shutdown

Charlotte, NC – The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) Superintendent, Dr. Crystal Hill issue the following statement:

In light of the current federal government shutdown, the CMS team wants to assure all of our CMS families that our students will continue to have access to nutritious meals at school each day. Our students will continue to be cared for and fed so they are able to perform at their highest potential throughout the school day.

We are mindful that students and families may need additional support during this time. Therefore, counseling and student wellness support services are always available for students. If a child needs to speak with someone for support, the student or their family can contact their school's counselor or social worker.

In addition, if any CMS family is experiencing financial hardship, they can apply for Free or Reduced-Priced Meals. It is never too late to apply. Information and applications can be found [here](#).

Mecklenburg County and CMS community partners offer various resources for families needing support, including food, housing, and financial assistance. Mecklenburg County's [website](#) provides the latest updates on the status of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and additional resources regarding food insecurity.

At CMS, we care deeply about every student and family we serve – and we want our students and their families to know that support is always available. We are one school district – one community – and together, we will continue to provide our students with Endless Possibilities.