# Public Media Release Community Eligibility Provision

**Effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026**

Orangeburg County School District is participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the 2025-2026 school year. Section 104(a) of the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 amended section 11(a)(1) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1759a(a)(1))(the law) to provide an alternative to household applications for free and reduced-price meals in local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools with increased levels of low-income students. This alternative is referred to as the Community Eligibility Provision. All students enrolled in the school/district may participate in the breakfast and lunch program at no charge to them. Families will not have to fill out meal applications.

Breakfast and lunch meals follow the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) guidelines for healthy school meals. Please encourage students to participate in the school meal programs.

You may contact your School Food Service (SFS) Coordinator Angela Robinson for additional information.

Parents or guardians that do not want their child/children to participate in CEP may wish to discuss this matter with Angela Robinson, Coordinator of School Nutrition, on an informal basis.

Parents wishing to make a formal appeal may make a request either orally or in writing to Dr. Jesse Washington, whose address is: 102 Founders Court, Orangeburg, SC 29118 for a hearing to appeal the decision.

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