



August 28, 2026

Regarding:
Amherst-Pelham Regional School District
Amherst Public Schools
Pelham Public School

The Amherst-Pelham Regional School District is pleased to announce all Amherst-Pelham Public Schools will implement the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for the 2026—2027 school year. What this means is that through this program, **ALL** ARPS students will continue to be eligible for one school breakfast and lunch daily at **NO COST**. **This means that no Free and Reduced Lunch Application will be required!!**

We are writing to share this information with you and to ask that you help us to ensure our meal program is a success by having your child participate in school breakfast and lunch every day.

Why? Because an emerging body of research has documented that eating breakfast and lunch at school helps improve a child's academic performance, student behavior, and improve nutrition while decreasing the risk of obesity. Participating in both breakfast and lunch at school provides nutritious food for your children so they can concentrate better and learn more while saving you time and money at home.

We hope you will continue to participate in the ARPS school community in supporting this exciting meal program!!

If you have any questions or to request a meal modification, please contact the School Nutrition Department at 413-362-1826.