

The **Corbin Independent School** system is pleased to announce



FREE MEALS FOR STUDENTS

through the participation in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) under the National School Lunch Program for the following schools:



Corbin Educational Center
Corbin Intermediate School
Corbin Elementary School
Corbin Primary School
Corbin Preschool Center



The CEP program is available to schools with a high percentage of economically disadvantaged students. Under CEP all students receive a breakfast and lunch at no charge for the entire school year. This is an exciting and welcomed opportunity for **Corbin Food Services** to participate in this program.

Below are a few facts about CEP and what it means for our district:

- 🐾 CEP is an effective tool used by our school district to fight childhood hunger. Our school district's decision to participate in CEP shows the dedication we have to fight hunger for our students.
- 🐾 Students are no longer assigned a free, reduced or paid eligibility status. All students are free which allows stigma regarding a student's individual financial situation to be dissolved.
- 🐾 School meals may be the only reliable food source for many children, especially those who cannot afford to pay.
- 🐾 Well-nourished students will be focused on learning instead of being plagued by hunger.
- 🐾 A school district's decision to participate in CEP is strictly voluntary and is based on the eligibility of student's within the district. The financial viability for the district is a factor which further aides in this decision. Some schools do not have enough qualified students or have enough school meal participation to join in the program.
- 🐾 All families with children attending a CEP school are required to complete a Household Income Form. This form is different from the traditional Free and Reduced Priced Meal Application and does not qualify the students for free meals but rather determines a student's eligibility to receive additional benefits and also aides the district in funding for student learning. Free meals are available to all students and will not be dependent on a child's completed application.

We are excited about the ability to participate in this program and hope it is helpful to the many families in our school district.

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