Saint Catherine School
COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION
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Saint Catherine School *today announced its policy for free and reduced-price meals for children served in schools* under the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program. For School Year 2023-2024 Saint Catherine School will continue participation in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for School Year 2023-2024. No further action is required of you.

This USDA provision allows your child(ren) to participate in the school meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit a meal application. CEP is a key provision of the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010, which allows schools and school districts in low-income areas to eliminate school meal applications and serve breakfast and lunch at no charge to all enrolled students. CEP gives food service professionals more time to focus on preparing nutritious meals that their students will enjoy and gives students more time to eat those meals by cutting down on time spent in the lunch line. More importantly, by offering all students a nutritious breakfast and lunch at no cost, CEP helps ensure more students come to class well-nourished and ready to learn.

Children need healthy meals to learn. Saint Catherine School offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast and lunch meals will follow the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) guidelines for healthy school meals, so please encourage students to participate. Parents or guardians who need further information may contact Suzanne M. Hayes, Child Nutrition Program Director suzyhayes@saint-catherine.org or 918-446-9756.

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