

Public Release Free and Reduced-Price Meals: Community Eligibility Provision

MERIDIAN, ID, UNITED STATES, June 21, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- West Ada School District (WASD) will serve nutritious meals every school day under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. Effective August 2024, all students participating at schools eligible for the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) under the national nutrition programs will receive free breakfast and lunch. These schools include Meridian Elementary and Ustict Elementary. Students at schools eligible for Provision 2 will receive free breakfast and lunch.

WASD encourages families to fill out meal applications starting August 1, 2024 to see if their students may qualify for free or reduced meals. The applications help reduce negative balances as well as determine a school's eligibility for CEP and Provision 2 participation.

To apply for free or reduced meals, please visit LINQ Connect: : https://<u>linqconnect</u>.com/ beginning August 1, 2024. For additional information, please contact Anne Brock, Director of School Nutrition at brock.anne@westada.org.

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