



Dear Parent/Guardian:

Under the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), all children attending **Beaufort Elementary, Ladys Island Elementary, Robert Smalls International Academy, Joseph J. Shanklin Elementary, St. Helena Elementary, Whale Branch Elementary, Whale Branch Middle, and Whale Branch Early College High** will be able to receive breakfast and lunch for **free**. The CEP allows schools that predominantly serve low-income children to offer free, nutritious school meals to all students through the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. The CEP uses information from other programs, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Temporary Assistance Program for Needy Families (TANF) instead of traditional paper applications.

Please note **if your student does not attend** one of the eight schools listed above, in order to receive Free or Reduced meal benefits, you must fill out a 2015-2016 school meal application at your child's school.

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

You may contact the district's School Food Service (SFS) office at 843-322-0800 for additional information.

Parents or guardians who do not want their child/children to participate in CEP or may wish to discuss this matter further may contact Daniel Kolat, District Liaison, by phone at 843-322-0806 or by email at daniel.kolat@beaufort.k12.sc.us on an informal basis.

Parents wishing to make a **formal appeal after contacting the School Food Service (SFS) Office** may make a request either orally or in writing to Phyllis White, whose address is: PO Box 755 Beaufort, SC 29901 for a hearing to appeal the decision.

Sincerely,

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