Community Eligibility Provision 2017-2018 School Year

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that the Hattiesburg Public School District will continue the program available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs called the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for School Year 2017-2018.

What does this mean for you and your children?

All enrolled students of Hattiesburg High, N. R. Burger Middle, Mary Bethune Alternative, Lillie Burney STEAM Academy, Grace Christian Elementary, Hawkins Elementary, Rowan Elementary, Thames Elementary and Woodley Elementary Schools are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at <u>no charge</u> to your household each day of the 2017-2018 school year. No further action is required of you. Your children will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit an application.

If we can be of any further assistance, please contact the Child Nutrition Office at 601.582.5078 or visit the Child Nutrition Website at www.hattiesburgpsd.com

Sincerely,

Alexsis L. Caston

Director of Child Nutrition

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