



NEW BEDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT



Dear Parent/Guardian:

The New Bedford Public Schools District will be taking part in the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) this year.

Participating in this program will offer **ALL** of our students a nutritious breakfast and lunch at no charge, regardless of household income.

The CEP program will therefore eliminate the need to complete school lunch applications.

A la carte items, extra meals and milk will still be available for purchasing.

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