## Sample Public Release for the Seamless Summer Option and Community Eligibility Provision FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Raleigh County Schools is participating in the USDA Seamless Summer Option (SSO), as well as the Community Eligibility Provision, for the current school year 2021-2022. These programs provide free breakfast and lunch to all students enrolled in Raleigh County Schools. Household applications are not required to receive free meals, but applications may be distributed by the school to collect household income data for other programs that require this information.

All students will be served breakfast and lunch at no charge at all county schools. If your child is a virtual learning child or if you have other children under 18 and are interested in receiving free meals please contact: *Raleigh County Schools*, Attention: *Teresa Baker, Child Nutrition Director, Child Nutrition Department, 2001 S. Kanawha, Beckley, WV 25801, 304-256-4660 Ext. 6005 or 6006*, tdbaker@k12.wv.us.

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