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Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that all students enrolled at Dutchess BOCES; Salt Point Center and The Resiliency Academy will be implementing a meal certification option, the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and/or School Breakfast Programs for the 2025-2026 school year. CEP allows eligible schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs to offer school meals at no charge to all students.

What does this mean for your child(ren) attending the school(s) identified above?

All students enrolled at *Dutchess BOCES; Salt Point Center and The Resiliency Academy* are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and/or lunch at school at **no charge** to your household each day of the 2025-2026 school year. No further action is required of you. Your child(ren) will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit an application.

Sincerely,

Holly Peters Heady

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
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fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

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