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Public Announcement for School Meals Special Provision Options (Community Eligibility Provision)

Dutchess County BOCES today announced an amendment to its policy for serving meals for children served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the 2024-2025 school year, which would allow for all children at all schools/sites to be served meals at no charge.

For additional information please contact the following person:

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PLEASE NOTE: This notice can be sent to the local media and your local unemployment office at the beginning of each school year.

The school or district may request the media to print the entire notice.

The media are not required to print any of the notice.

The school or district must maintain on file a copy of the letter to the media and the article (if printed).

The school or district should not pay to have this notice printed.

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mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

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fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

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