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Letter to Parents for School Meal Programs Special Provision Options (Provision 2 Non-Base Year & Community Eligibility Provision)

Dear Parent or Guardian:

All students enrolled at <u>Cato-Meridian Central School District</u> are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at <u>no</u> <u>charge</u> to your household each day of the <u>2024-2025</u> 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. <u>We ask each household to complete the Household Income</u> <u>Eligibility Form as this impacts the district's eligibility for state and federal supports.</u>

If you have any further questions, please contact Jennifer Cardinale at 315-626-3439, extension 5003.

Sincerely,

Ms. Elizabeth Kupiec
Assistant Superintendent

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