



BANGOR SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

FOOD SERVICES

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

During the 2017-18 school year, Fairmount, Downeast and Vine Street Schools will participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), offered by the United States Department of Agriculture. We participated in this program as a pilot at the end of last school year.

As result of their eligibility, determined by free and reduced meal percentages, each of the schools will offer free breakfast and lunch to all students. Consistent with the requirements of the CEP, parents will no longer be asked to submit household meal applications to determine meal eligibility. And students will spend less time in the meal lines waiting for their servings.

Food service operations at each of the participating schools anticipate improved efficiency with the reduced paperwork and the removal of the record keeping of unpaid breakfast and meal charges.

All meals served will continue to comply with the nutritional guidelines established by the USDA in 2012. In addition, students at each of the schools will continue to access the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program and the Afterschool Snack Program.

To learn more information about this opportunity available at your child's school access <http://www.maine.gov/doe/nutrition/resources/community-eligibility.html>.

As always for those students who elect to bring a home meal to school, milk choices of white and chocolate will remain available at a cost of 65 cents.

In instances where parents or guardians elect to provide meal payment, a donation may be made to the Bangor School Department's Food Service Program, attention Director Noelle Scott, 143 Fifth Street, Bangor.

Certainly, contact me if you have questions regarding the Food Service Program.

Sincerely,

Noelle Scott, RD LD
Food Service Director
Bangor School Department