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**Media release**

**Hillsboro School District to Provide Free Meals to All Students**

*All students will be eligible to receive free meals as of Friday, March 1, 2024*

**February 28, 2024, Hillsboro, OR** - Thanks to a change in certification requirements for the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program, all Hillsboro School District (HSD) students will now be able to receive school breakfast and lunch at no cost as of Friday, Mar. 1.

Previously, under the CEP program, approximately one-third of HSD schools were eligible for free meals. However, the certification reached just prior to winter break will allow a mid-year certification of all schools that will remain in place through the 2026-27 school year.

The District is excited about this change and the opportunity it provides to ensure all HSD students have access to nutritious food during the school day.

For more [information](#) and answers to [frequently asked questions](#), please see HSD's [Nutrition Services webpage](#).

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