



MIDDLE COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Letter to Parents/Guardians for School Meal Programs-Community Eligibility Provision 2024-2025

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that **Middle Country Central School District** will be implementing a meal certification option available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for the **2024-2025 School Year**.

What does this mean for your child(ren)?

Pending additional New York State funding, all students enrolled at a **Middle Country school** are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at **no charge** to your household each day of the **2024-2025** 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 submitting an application.

Middle Country CSD is requesting all non-direct certified households to complete the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Household Income Eligibility Form as it is used to determine eligibility for additional State and Federal program benefits that your child(ren) may qualify for. This form is enclosed, and available on mccsd.net under Important Resource Information, Food and Nutrition and the Food Services Department page. You may also request a copy by calling (631) 285-8190 or sending an email to, foodservice@mccsd.net.

If you have any questions, please contact the Middle Country, Food Service Office at (631) 285-8190.

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