

LETTER TO HOUSEHOLDS Community Eligibility Provision

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Starting March 18, 2024, Ricardo Flores Magon Academy, Victory Prep Academy MS and HS, Community Leadership Academy, Kwiyagat Community Academy, Stone Creek Charter school, Early College of Arvada, New America School Thornton, Academy of Charter Schools, Global Village Academy North, Pagosa Peak Open School, Pinnacle Charter School, The Stead School, Colorado Early Colleges (Aurora, Colorado Springs, Windsor, Fort Collins, Douglas County), Prospect Academy, Academy of Arts and Knowledge, Axis International Academy, and New America School Aurora are participating in the Community Eligibility Provision as part of the Healthy School Meals for All program for the 2023-2024 school year. This federal program provides additional benefits to our district including increased federal funding.

As a reminder, all students enrolled at CSI Schools may receive school breakfast and school lunch each school day at no charge. We believe access to healthy meals is essential for academic success and overall student well-being.

The meals served follow U.S. Department of Agriculture guidelines for healthy school meals. The School Breakfast and Lunch Programs cannot succeed without your support; please encourage your children to participate in the school meal programs.

To see if you qualify for additional benefits like reduced school related-fees or the Summer EBT program, complete a Combination form at https://linqconnect.com/public/meal-application/new

If you have any questions about the program, please contact us at (720)765-2981 or IleneAgustin@csi.state.co.us

Sincerely,

Ilene Agustin, CSI School Nutrition Manager

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

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