

# Alton Community Unit School District #11

1854 East Broadway, P.O. Box 9028

Alton, IL 62002

July, 2016



## Student Breakfasts & Lunches will be available for **NO CHARGE**

Dear Parent / Guardian:

Beginning last year, the Alton Community Unit School District #11 **provided a healthy breakfast and lunch each day AT NO COST** for **ALL** enrolled K-12 grade students, regardless of income. This option is available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs called Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the School Year 2016/2017. No further action is required of you. Your children will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to submit an application.

**Supplemental Fees** will still be charged to all enrolled students while those students who have been Directly Certified in July 2016 will be automatically eligible for fee waivers. Directly Certified students have been identified by I.D.H.S as receiving SNAP, TANF or as a ward of the state / foster child. Direct Certification Notices were not mailed this year. Instead, those students will be identified on their individual Fee Statements at registration.

**Fee Waivers** will be automatically applied for applicable current year fees for Directly Certified students, without completing a fee waiver form. For those students who are not Directly Certified, the family may complete a "Household and Income" form if you believe your income would fall within the FY'2017 Income Guidelines issued by the U.S.D.A. for Free School Meals or have proof that a household member receives SNAP or TANF. Before the Household and Income form can be approved, you will need to provide proof of one month's income or a letter from DHS showing the SNAP / TANF case number for someone living at the same address as the student. Note: This waiver does not apply to any prior year's fees.

We are excited about this opportunity to provide nutritious meals at no charge to all of our K-12 students. Our hope is that more students will have access to meals that provide essential nutrients that are a necessary component to academic success. **Please encourage your child to participate in the school meals program.**

For additional information about C.E.P., you can visit the USDA's website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/community-eligibility-provision>. If you still have questions, please stop by the "School Meal Station" at District Registration or call Laura O'dell, District Determining Official, at 618-474-2600, ext 50609.

Sincerely,

Mark Cappel,  
Interim Superintendent of Schools

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