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Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that Wattsburg Area School District has implemented the provision known as the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) and it will continue in the 2024-25 school year. This program is available to schools and districts that are participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.

All enrolled students of Wattsburg Area School District are eligible to receive a nutritional breakfast and lunch each school day at **no charge** to your household.

No further action is required of you. The district is no longer accepting applications for free or reduced lunches. Your child(ren) will be able to participate in these meal programs without paying a fee or submitting an application.

If your student has prior lunch debt from previous school years in the form of a negative balance on their lunch account, these <u>balances still need to be paid</u>. Reminder letters regarding negative lunch account balances will be sent monthly and all student debt must be settled prior to graduation.

If we can be of any further assistance, please contact me at wicki.bendig@wattsburg.org or by phone at 814-824-3400 x4533.

Sincerely,

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mail:

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of Asstnt Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or

2. **fax:**

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

3. email:

program.intake@usda.gov

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ATTENTION: If you speak Spanish, language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you. Contact your child's school. ATENCIÓN: Si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Comuníquese con la escuela de su niño.