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Dear Parents:

Timpson ISD Child Nutrition has been qualifying for a federal program called the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) during the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years. In this program, all students receive free meals at breakfast and lunch. To qualify for the CEP program the number of students directly certified by the state for free meals must be at a certain level. Currently the number of students directly certified by the state does not qualify Timpson ISD for the CEP program for the 2016-2017 school year.

At this time, TISD officials are working on a plan to provide a Universal free breakfast to all students. Students will also be given an opportunity to participate in a "second chance" breakfast (one free breakfast per day) or purchase snacks during the "second chance" breakfast.

Due to the fact that we no longer qualify for CEP, lunch applications will need to be completed and eligibility will be determined according to federal program guidelines. Students will then qualify for free, reduced price, or full paid lunches as in years past.

The Universal Breakfast Program is new to Timpson ISD and the success of the program will depend on student participation at meal time as well as purchasing extras. If we do not have sufficient participation we will not be able to continue it past the 2016-2017 school year. It is our hope that it will be a success.

The goal of Timpson ISD Child Nutrition is to provide our students with healthy meals and snacks so they will be able to focus on learning and facing the challenges put before them.

Should you have any question, please contact Ginger Lee, Child Nutrition Program Director at the number listed below.

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