

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that Lyndon Institute has implemented a new program available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs called the **Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)**.

What does this mean for you and your children attending Lyndon Institute?

Great news! All enrolled students of Lyndon Institute are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at <u>no</u> <u>charge</u> to your household each day of the school year. Your child(ren) will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit a meal application. * Second meals and a la carte items can be purchased separately.

* Lyndon Institute will still be requesting Household Income Forms from households with a student participating in the CEP; however, receipt of free breakfast and lunch meals does not depend on returning it. Completing the application is still necessary for other programs like reduced cost PSAT, SAT, and AP testing, free or reduced cost for college applications, and referrals to college preparation programs such as Upward Bound and VSAC Talent Search, and may be used to determine if your household is eligible for these additional benefits.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact us at 802-535-3636 ext. 2512 or via email at mariah.simpson@lyndoninstitute.org.

Sincerely,

Mariah Simpson

Staff Accountant

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