

**Special Assistance Alternative Community Eligibility Provision
PUBLIC MEDIA RELEASE
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH/SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAMS**

By participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) and eliminating the need for meal applications, **Pierce County School System** will reduce administrative and printing costs. Families also benefit from the elimination of completing and submitting meal applications.

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Pierce County School System** offers healthy meals every school day at no charge to your child(ren). Our food service receives support from the U.S. Department of Agriculture through the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.

The following schools will be participating in this alternative provision and provide meals at no charge to children:

**Blackshear Elementary, Patterson Elementary,
Midway Elementary, and Pierce County Middle School**

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