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TO: The Honorable Grant Chun  
Chairperson, Finance and Infrastructure Committee

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Superintendent

SUBJECT: **Update on the Community Eligibility Provision ("CEP") Pilot Program, which Enables High Needs Schools to Serve Free Meals to All Students, for the Following: Schools on the Island of Molokai, Mountain View Elementary School, and Linapuni Elementary School**

1 DESCRIPTION

The deployment and adoption of the USDA's Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) at the seven pilot schools participating in the meal program for the 2015-16 school year.

2 UPDATE OR PRESENTATION

A discussion on the CEP and its implementation plan for the Hawaii State Department of Education.

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Attachment

c: Office of School Facilities and Support Services

# COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION



Making High Poverty Schools Hunger Free  
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## WHAT IS CEP?

- Part of Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, which was first piloted in SY 11-12 in Michigan, Kentucky, Illinois and made available nationally July 1, 2014.
  - **Provides an alternative to collecting applications for free and reduced price meals; this alternative is called Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).**
  - **Offers all students free meals in high poverty schools with more meals being reimbursed by the USDA.**
  - **Schools Districts have the flexibility to elect CEP by School, Group of Schools or Whole District.**

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## History of CEP

The USDA Pilot revealed:

- Increased access to meals for children
- Eliminated:
  - Submission of household meal applications
  - Verification by the school food service staff
  - Collection of funds for meals or unpaid balances
  - Stigma of F/R meal status
  - Overt identification of F/R
- Reduced school administrative burden
- Helped children grow, learn & thrive

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## Why Hawaii?

- Reduce the work for parents and staff of high-poverty schools by eliminating the standard meal application process to identify the few children who do *not* qualify for F/R school meals
- Many of our schools have an **Identified Student Percentage (ISP) of at least 40%**, (primarily based on Direct Certification data) in the school year prior to implementing CEP; a requirement to be eligible for CEP
- Serves Breakfast and Lunch, which Hawaii already has in place to meet the CEP requirement

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## How schools were selected: High Direct Cert Rates

School	DHS D/C	Enrollment	D/C %	CEP Multiplier	Final CEP Rate
Kaunakakai EI	176	305	57.70%		
Maunaloa EI	51	58	87.93%		
Kilohana EI	44	68	64.71%		
Linapuni EI	165	193	85.49%		
Mt. View EI	465	566	82.16%		
Moloka'i Middle	98	192	51.04%		
Moloka'i High	161	349	46.13%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1160</b>	<b>1731</b>	<b>67.01%</b>		
All Schools	1160	1731	67.01%	1.6	107.2%

*Direct Certification is based on a family's qualification through other programs such as the Dept. of Human Services Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.*

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## Example High School Lunch Costs & Subsidies

	Cost to Produce Lunch	Paid Student Portion	USDA Reimbursement	State Portion
Non CEP	\$5.50	\$2.75	\$0.42	\$2.33
CEP	\$5.50	\$0.00	\$3.68	\$1.82

State was funding difference of  
\$2.33 per paid student lunch

Using CEP, State will fund  
difference of only  
\$1.82 per student lunch

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## Potential Increased Participation

School	Number of Reduced/Paid
Maunaloa	6
Linapuni	12
Mountain View	66
Kilohana	18
Kaunakakai	106
Molokai Middle	70
Molokai High	138
<b>Total Students</b>	<b>416</b>

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## School Cost Projections

All Schools @ 100% Free	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Current Reimbursement	Estimated Paid & Reduced Revenue	Estimated CEP Reimbursement	Variance
Kaunakakai El	16,281	39,623	\$ 155,303.00	\$ 19,718.25	\$ 183,584.56	\$ 8,563.31
Maunaloa El	7,108	8,783	\$ 47,118.90	\$ 1,227.95	\$ 48,812.00	\$ 465.15
Kilohana El	6,358	8,553	\$ 41,526.71	\$ 3,104.75	\$ 46,225.60	\$ 1,594.14
Linapuni El	17,034	29,739	\$ 146,262.57	\$ 1,990.40	\$ 148,958.40	\$ 705.43
Mt. View. El.	46,129	78,654	\$ 376,712.85	\$ 13,691.15	\$ 396,466.00	\$ 6,062.00
Moloka'i Middle	7,291	21,163	\$ 77,359.06	\$ 12,172.10	\$ 94,794.96	\$ 5,263.80
Moloka'i High	15,510	28,591	\$ 109,569.00	\$ 23,399.20	\$ 141,198.08	\$ 8,229.88
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>115,711</b>	<b>215,106</b>	<b>\$ 953,852.09</b>	<b>\$ 75,303.80</b>	<b>\$ 1,060,039.60</b>	<b>\$ 30,883.71</b>

**Conclusion – Estimated all students offered free meals at a savings of \$30,883**

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## Why a Pilot Program

- Understand the fiscal impact of this program
- Identify steps of the school selection process
- Monitor participation rates (e.g. meals served) because meals are free for all students at that school
- Analyze the impact on student success
- Determine alternative methods to provide data independent of collecting “Free and Reduced” applications – e.g. Title I, WSF, StriveHi, federal reporting

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## Understanding the Impact on Data Collection

- In CEP schools, HIDOE is studying whether family income surveys will be an effective replacement for understanding student socio-economic status as free and reduced price lunch applications become unnecessary.
- Alternative data collection (via household income surveys) are currently being piloted in CEP schools. An evaluation – which includes educator input – is underway.

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## The Link Between Nutrition and Education

- When a child's nutritional needs are met, the child is more attentive in class and has better attendance and fewer disciplinary problems
- The National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs meet the nutritional needs of children by providing nutritionally balanced meals that together contain more than half of the nutrients children need each day
- Low-income children who eat school breakfast have better overall diet quality than those who eat breakfast elsewhere or skip breakfast

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