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

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SUBJECT: **Update on the Department of Education's 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

OSFSS will provide a presentation on the results of the CEP pilot.

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Attachment

c: Office of School Facilities and Support Services

COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION



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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, and 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.
 - School 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 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: Molokai Complex and Highest Direct Cert

School	DHS D/C	Enrollment	D/C %	Island
Kaunakakai	176	305	57.70%	Moloka'i
Maunaloa	51	58	87.93%	Moloka'i
Kilohana	44	68	64.71%	Moloka'i
Linapuni	165	193	85.49%	Oahu
Mt. View	465	566	82.16%	Hawaii
Moloka'i Middle	98	192	51.04%	Moloka'i
Moloka'i High	161	349	46.13%	Moloka'i
TOTAL	1,160	1,731	67.01%	All

Factoring in x1.6 USDA multiplier = 107.2% for these schools

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Example High School Lunch Costs & Subsidies

	Cost to Produce Lunch	Paid Student Portion	USDA Reimburse	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 Increase in Free Meal Participation

School	Daily Average Reduced/Paid Eligible
Maunaloa	6
Linapuni	12
Mountain View	66
Kilohana	18
Kaunakakai	106
Molokai Middle	70
Molokai High	138
Total Students	416

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Increase in # of Meals SY 15-16

School	Lunch	Breakfast
Maunaloa	1,075	1,316
Linapuni	48	567
Mt. View	5,620	5,566
Kilohana	3,286	2,014
Kaunakakai	3,402	5,996
Molokai Middle	984	-234
Molokai High	3,099	4,199
TOTAL Avg/Day	+138/day	+153/day

* No increased labor due to CEP.

**Enrollment at all schools listed in total decreased by 55 students.

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School Cost Year over Year

YTD July-Feb	SY14-15 Breakfast	SY15-16 Breakfast	SY14-15 Lunch	SY15-16 Lunch	SY14-15 Reimbursement	SY15-16 Reimbursement*
Kaukanakakai	12,444	18,440	29,926	33,328	\$114,114	\$169,574
Maunaloa	4,691	6,007	5,837	6,912	\$29,983	\$39,371
Kilohana**	4,352	6,366	5,792	9,078	\$27,426	\$48,175
Linapuni	11,281	11,848	19,985	20,033	\$94,929	\$101,210
Mt. View	31,368	36,934	52,909	58,529	\$246,109	\$303,458
Molokai Middle	4,977	4,743	14,735	15,719	\$51,897	\$68,849
Molokai High	10,474	14,673	20,463	23,562	\$74,619	\$120,750
Total	79,587	99,011	149,647	167,161	\$639,077	\$851,387

Total Increase in Federal Reimbursement:* \$212,310

* NOTE: Five extra serving days within the same time period
 ** Up to 80 from 65 students in past year

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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 impact of NOT collecting Free and Reduced Lunch eligibility forms on other programs (e.g., Title I, Weighted Student Formula, StriveHi)
- Conduct alternative methods to provide data about students' socio economic status

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Impact of Lunch Eligibility on Data and Reporting

- Students' eligibility for Free and Reduced Price Lunch has been standard as a proxy for low socioeconomic status
- Poverty levels affects eligibility of schools and students for programs, allocation of resources, and accountability
- In CEP schools, HIDOE is studying how to address the "data loss" of students' socioeconomic status since free and reduced price lunch applications are unnecessary.
- Alternative data collection (via household income surveys) was piloted in CEP schools for 2015-16.
- Recommendation is to conduct household income surveys for incoming students (all CEP schools) and continuing schools (2015-16 pilot schools and CEP charter schools)

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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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What We Have Learned So Far...

- Overall student participation increased for both Breakfast and Lunch
- SFSB is feeding more children nutritionally balanced meals
- Labor cost remained stable
- Food cost pending; however, there was no visible food increased expenditures
- Application process included cost savings from printing, less labor on school level and SFSB level, and less time requirements on process
- Significant increase of federal reimbursement dollars
- Transportation – no increased ridership; anticipate some impact if expanded in greater Honolulu area
- Collection of Economic Data still needs refining; assurance is still needed that data linked to free and reduced meal applications can still be collected for other programs
- Schools and Parents loved CEP

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Next Steps

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