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TO: The Honorable Grant Chun
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SUBJECT: **Update on the Department of Education's Community Eligibility Provision ("CEP") Program, Which Enables High Needs Schools to Serve Free Meals to All Students: Status and Expansion Plans**

1. DESCRIPTION

An update on the deployment and adoption of the USDA's CEP currently at 30 schools participating in the meal program; and expansion plans for 22 additional schools for the 2017-18 school year.

2. UPDATE OR PRESENTATION

OSFSS will provide a presentation on the status and the plan to expand the CEP program.

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COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION

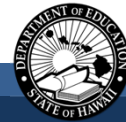


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WHAT IS CEP?

- Part of Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, which was first piloted in school year 2011-12 in Michigan, Kentucky, and Illinois, and made available nationally July 1, 2014.
 - **Provides an alternative to collecting applications for free and reduced (F/R) 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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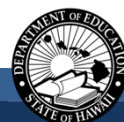


Why Hawaii?

- 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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Phase I Pilot Schools
How schools were selected SY 15-16:
Molokai Complex and Highest Direct Cert

School	DHS D/C	Enrollment	D/C %	Island
Kaunakakai	164	313	52.4%	Molokai
Maunaloa	55	65	87.62%	Molokai
Kilohana	50	82	60.98%	Molokai
Linapuni	143	187	76.47%	Oahu
Mt. View	439	542	81.00%	Hawaii
Molokai Middle	94	176	53.41%	Molokai
Molokai High	156	333	46.85%	Molokai
TOTAL	1,101	1698	64.84%	All

Factoring in x1.6 USDA multiplier = 100.2% for these schools



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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 Average/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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CEP Implementation Phase I

- Learned the fiscal impact of this program.
- Monitored participation rates (e.g. meals served) because meals are free for all students at that school.
- Analyzed the impact on student success.
- Determined impact of NOT collecting F/R lunch eligibility forms on other programs (e.g., Title I, Weighted Student Formula, StriveHi).
- Conducted alternative methods to provide data about students' socioeconomic status.
- Decision to continue to Phase II due to positive results.



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Phase II: SY 16-17 Keaau-Pahoa Complex

School	DHS D/C	Enrollment	D/C %	Island
Keonepoko	518	621	83.41%	Hawaii
Naalehu	325	400	81.25%	Hawaii
Pahoa Elementary	355	452	78.54%	Hawaii
Kau High & Pahala Elementary	390	526	74.14%	Hawaii
Pahoa High	414	559	74.06%	Hawaii
Keaau Middle	461	674	68.4%	Hawaii
Keaau Elementary	535	856	62.5%	Hawaii
Keaau High	549	967	56.77%	Hawaii



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**Phase II: SY 16-17
Waianae & Nanakuli Complexes**

School	DHS D/C	Enrollment	D/C %	Island
Waianae Elementary	549	967	56.77%	Oahu
Maili Elementary	433	584	74.14%	Oahu
Makaha Elementary	667	998	66.83%	Oahu
Waianae Intermediate	572	930	61.51%	Oahu
Leihoku Elementary	523	943	55.46%	Oahu
Waianae High	950	1751	54.25%	Oahu
Nanaikapono Elementary	609	850	71.65%	Oahu
Nanakuli Elementary	292	469	62.26%	Oahu
Nanakuli High	606	1057	57.33%	Oahu

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**Phase II: SY 16-17
Other Schools**

School	DHS D/C	Enrollment	D/C %	Island
Pope Elementary	163	247	65.99%	Oahu
Waimanalo Elementary & Intermediate	272	472	57.63%	Oahu
Hana High & Elementary	170	355	47.89%	Maui
Lanai High & Elementary	185	582	31.79%	Lanai
Kekaha Elementary	168	374	44.92%	Kauai
TOTAL	10,671	17,025	62.68%	

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Example High School Lunch Costs & Subsidies

	Cost to Produce Lunch	Paid Student Portion	USDA Reimburse	State Portion
Non CEP	\$6.00	\$2.75	\$0.43	\$2.82
CEP	\$6.00	\$0.00	\$3.77	\$2.23

State was funding difference of \$2.82 per paid student lunch.

Using CEP, State will fund difference of only \$2.23 per student lunch.



Impact of Lunch Eligibility on Data and Reporting

- Students' eligibility for F/R lunch has been standard as a proxy for low socioeconomic status.
- Poverty levels affect eligibility of schools and students for programs, allocation of resources, and accountability.
- In CEP schools, the Department of Education (HIDOE) is studying how to address the "data loss" of students' socioeconomic status since F/R price lunch applications are unnecessary.
- Alternative data collection (via household income surveys) was used in CEP schools for SY 2015-16 and 2016-2017.
- Recommendation is to conduct household income surveys for all students at CEP schools.



Understanding the Impact on Data Collection

- In CEP schools, HIDOE is studying whether family income surveys will be an effective replacement for understanding student socioeconomic status as F/R price lunch applications become unnecessary.
- Alternative data collection (via household income surveys) are currently being piloted in CEP schools. An evaluation, which includes input from school staff, is underway.

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What We Have Learned So Far...

- Overall student participation increased for both breakfast and lunch.
- School Food Services Branch (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 F/R meal applications can still be collected for other programs
- Schools and parents loved CEP.

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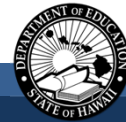


Next Steps Phase III: SY 17-18

- Maximize the number of schools that may benefit from the CEP program.
- Last year's CEP grouping will remain the same for the next three years.
- Additional schools will be chosen by their high number of directly certified students, instead of complex.
- Identified 22 additional schools with a total of 8500 additional students that may be considered for phase III.

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