



Polk County Schools Board of Education Info Brief

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

On April 3, 2024 the Superintendent, Finance Officer, and Child Nutrition Director met to discuss the “Community Eligibility Provision” (CEP) options for each school and the district as a whole. The intent was to formulate recommendations on participation for the Polk County Board of Education. The CEP program is designed to streamline free and reduced meal reimbursement for public schools to ensure all students have access to breakfast and lunch during the school day. Due to recent changes in the thresholds for CEP participation, Polk Schools had all schools participate in CEP for the current 2023-2024 year. Administration is working to clarify projections for the April 8, 2024 Board of Education meeting for consideration. The Superintendent and Child Nutrition Director will have more accurate figures available for discussion at the time of the meeting. The Board must make a final decision on participation by its June 11, 2024 meeting.

Respectfully,
Aaron Greene
Superintendent
Polk County Schools