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Media Release for Free Meals under the Universal Meal Program 2022-23 SY

The California Department of Education and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced it's California Meals for All program for the 2022-23 school year. This is a statewide program offering Universal Meals for all school children. The Universal Meal Program will allow us to continue to provide 100% free meals for all children. Students will be able to receive one free breakfast and one free lunch through this program. Additional meals will be available for purchase. **California Meals for All is great news because:**

All students eat for free.

- CA Meals for All ensures daily access to a free breakfast and free lunch for all students, regardless of program eligibility. This benefits families at all income levels!

No application necessary for students to receive a meal.

Free meals foster a more positive culture around school meals.

- Children can focus on learning instead of being hungry or feeling uncomfortable choosing school meals.
- Nutrition program staff can focus on supporting students directly, not collecting payments.

School meals are healthy!

- Having a consistent option for healthy meals helps nourish students to prepare them for life inside and outside the classroom.
- PUHSD Nutrition Services will continue to hold to high quality and nutrition standards, which meet or exceed guidelines provided by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) and California Department of Education (CDE).

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Comunicado de Prensa para Comidas Gratuitas bajo el Programa Universal de Comida 2022-23 AE

El Departamento de Educación de California y el Departamento de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos (USDA) anunciaron su programa Alimentos de California para Todos para el año escolar 2022-23. Este es un programa estatal que ofrece Comidas Universales a todos los niños de edad escolar. El Programa de Comidas Universales nos permitirá continuar proporcionando alimentos 100% gratuitos para todos los niños. Los estudiantes podrán recibir un desayuno y un almuerzo gratis a través de este programa. Los alimentos adicionales estarán disponibles para la compra. **Comidas de California para Todos es una gran noticia porque:**

Todos los estudiantes comen gratis.

- Comidas de CA para Todos garantiza el acceso diario a un desayuno y almuerzo gratis para todos los estudiantes, independientemente de la elegibilidad del programa. ¡Esto beneficia a las familias en todos los niveles de ingresos!

No es necesaria una solicitud para que los estudiantes reciban una comida.

Los alimentos gratuitos favorecen una cultura más positiva alrededor de los alimentos escolares.

- Los niños se pueden enfocar en aprender en lugar de tener hambre o sentirse incómodos escogiendo los alimentos escolares.
- El personal del programa de nutrición se puede enfocar en apoyar a los estudiantes directamente, no en recolectar pagos.

¡Los alimentos escolares son saludables!

- Tener una opción consistente de alimentos saludables ayuda a nutrir a los estudiantes para prepararlos

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para la vida dentro y fuera del salón de clases.

- Los Servicios de Nutrición de PUHSD continuarán manteniendo altos estándares de calidad y nutrición, que cumplen o exceden las pautas proporcionadas por el Departamento de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos (USDA) y el Departamento de Educación de California (CDE).

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