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## CARVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Carver Public Schools is pleased to announce our participation in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) of the National School Lunch Program. This special provision allows our school(s) to provide breakfast and lunch at no cost for all students, and families are no longer required to complete an application to access meal benefits.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's (DESE) Office for Food and Nutrition Programs has been approved to implement a waiver from USDA to allow newly qualifying schools to apply and adopt CEP during the school year. Midyear CEP implementation for newly eligible schools will support the new requirement for schools and DESE to maximize federal revenues per Section 1C (a)(1) of Chapter 69 of the Massachusetts General Laws (MGL). Maximizing federal revenue directly offsets state spending for universal free school meals.

School districts are still required to conduct Direct Certification and notify households of the results.

This notification is to let you know that Carver Public Schools is approved as a CEP community and no further action is required of you.

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To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at:

<https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf> from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

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U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. **fax:**  
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. **email:** [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov)

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