

Public Media Release
Community Eligibility Provision

Effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

Ware Shoals Primary and Elementary-Middle School is participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the 2021-2022 school year. Section 104(a) of the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 amended section 11(a)(1) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1759a(a)(1))(the law) to provide an alternative to household applications for free and reduced-price meals in local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools with increased levels of low-income students. This alternative is referred to as the Community Eligibility Provision. All students enrolled in the school/district may participate in the breakfast and lunch program at no charge to them. **Families will not have to fill out meal applications for students that attend Ware Shoals Primary and Elementary-Middle School.**

Breakfast and lunch meals follow the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) guidelines for healthy school meals. Please encourage students to participate in the school meal programs.

You may contact your School Food Service Director **Sharon Mann @ 864-456-3679** for additional information.

Parents or guardians that do not want their child/children to participate in CEP may wish to discuss this matter with **Sharon Mann of Greenwood School District 51 Food Service Director** on an informal basis.

Parents wishing to make a formal appeal may make a request either orally or in writing to **Dr. Fay Sprouse** whose address is: **56 South Greenwood Ave., Ware Shoals, SC 29692** for a hearing to appeal the decision.

This release was sent to the following newspapers.

The **Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act** requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

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