

Media Release

Gallup-McKinley County Schools Community Eligibility Program



GALLUP-McKINLEY
COUNTY SCHOOLS



TO: Dear Parent/Guardian
FROM: Neal Cunningham, SFE Food Service Director
Eileen Haws, GMCS Food Service Supervisor
DATE: July 1, 2023

Gallup McKinley County Schools are proud to be participating in a Universal Lunch and School Breakfast Program for the current school year (2023-2024). If your child(ren) attend any of the 32 Gallup McKinley County Schools Listed: **Catherine A. Miller Elementary, Chee Dodge Elementary, Chief Manuelito Middle, Crownpoint Elementary, Crownpoint Middle, Crownpoint High, David Skeet Elementary, Del Norte Elementary, Gallup Central High, Gallup High, Gallup Middle, Indian Hills Elementary, Jefferson Elementary, John F. Kennedy Middle, Miyamura High, Lincoln Elementary, Navajo Elementary, Navajo Middle, Navajo Pine High, Ramah Elementary, Ramah Middle/High, Red Rock Elementary, Stagecoach Elementary, Thoreau Elementary, Thoreau Middle School, Thoreau High, Tohatchi Elementary, Tohatchi Middle, Tohatchi High, Tse Yi' Gai High, Tobe Turpen Elementary, and Twin Lakes Elementary** – a healthy and nutritious breakfast and lunch will be available to them at no charge. All students enrolled at the listed schools may participate in the breakfast and lunch program at no cost to them. Studies have shown that children who are not hungry perform better in school. By providing breakfast and lunch for all children at no charge, we are hoping to create a better learning environment for our students. The school breakfasts and lunches that we serve follow U.S. Department of Agriculture guidelines for healthy school meals. The School Breakfast and Lunch Programs cannot succeed without your support; please encourage your children to participate in the school meal programs. Meals will be served to all students at no charge regardless of the eligibility status.

If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact Eileen Haws, GMCS Food Service Supervisor at (505) 721-1126 or Chef Neal Cunningham, SFE Director of Food Service at (505) 721-1127.

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