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ACE Leadership High School to Participate in Community Eligibility Provision

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August 1, 2016 – Albuquerque, NM – Albuquerque, NM is slated to implement the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for Free Meal Reimbursement in School Year 2017. Through CEP, a school district, a group of schools or a single school may offer meals at no charge to all students. This eliminates the procedure of distributing and processing meal applications.

The Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 includes the implementation of CEP to insure that every student in low-income neighborhoods and/or districts can participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP). To qualify, a district or school must have 40 percent or more of its students eligible for free meals based on direct certification.

By participating in CEP and eliminating the need for meal applications, [Insert SFA] will reduce administrative and printing costs. Families also benefit from the elimination of completing and submitting meal applications.

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