



Thea Bowman Leadership Academy

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are pleased to inform you that Thea Bowman Leadership Academy is a proud participant in the **Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)**, a program under the **USDA Food and Nutrition Service**.

The CEP program allows schools in high-poverty areas to provide **free breakfast and lunch to all students every school day**, regardless of household income. This means:

- **No meal applications are required** from families.
- **Every scholar eats free**—helping reduce school meal debt and eliminating the stigma sometimes associated with free or reduced-price meals.
- The program is fully reimbursed by the USDA based on our “Identified Student Percentage (ISP),” which counts students who already qualify for benefits through programs such as SNAP.
- Families and schools save time by reducing paperwork, while ensuring scholars have access to healthy meals that support their learning.

At Thea Bowman Leadership Academy, we believe that **a well-nourished child is better prepared to learn, grow, and succeed**. By participating in CEP, we ensure that every scholar has access to the nutritious meals they need throughout the school day.

If you have any questions regarding the program, please feel free to contact our school office.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to provide the best possible educational experience for our scholars.

Sincerely,

Marlon Mitchell

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Superintendent
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