MEDIA RELEASE FOR FREE MEALS FOR CEP

National School Lunch/Breakfast Program School Year 2023-2024

The *Albuquerque Sign Language Academy* announced today it will operate the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the *2023-2024* school year.

Schools qualifying to operate CEP serve breakfast and lunch to all children at no charge and eliminate the collection of meal applications for free, reduced-price, and paid student meals. This new approach reduces burdens for both families and school administrators and helps ensure that students receive nutritious meals.

For additional information please contact the following person:

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Sincerely,

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