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Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to announce that all students enrolled at Barton Elementary, Bay Elementary, Canaan Elementary, Eagle Elementary, Medford Elementary, Oregon Middle, River Elementary, Tremont Elementary, Saxton Middle, South Ocean Middle and Patchogue-Medford High School will be able to receive a FREE breakfast and lunch meal during the school year 2024-2025.

This implementation is a result of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) expanding access to the federal Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). CEP allows eligible schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs to offer school meals at no charge to all students.

What does this mean for your child(ren) attending the school(s) identified above? Effective for the entire school year 2024-2025, all students enrolled at Barton, Bay, Canaan, Eagle, Medford, Oregon, River, Tremont, Saxton, South Ocean and Patchogue-Medford High School will receive meals at no cost to your household. No further action is required of you.

Students may continue to buy healthy snacks, drinks and second portions using money on account or with cash.

If you have any further questions, please contact us at 631-687-6525

Sincerely,

Daniel Erwin  
Food Services Director

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