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## **NMPED COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION**

The New Mexico School for the Deaf is participating in a Universal Breakfast and Lunch Program for the current school year 2016 - 2017. If your children attend any of the schools listed, breakfast/lunch will be available to them at no charge. All students enrolled at this school may participate in the breakfast/lunch program at no charge to them.

Studies have shown that children who are not hungry perform better in school. By providing breakfast/lunch to all children at no charge, we are hoping to create a better learning environment for our students. The School Breakfast and Lunch Programs cannot succeed without your support; please consider your children's participation in the school meal programs.

The school breakfast and lunch that we serve follows U.S. Department of Agriculture guidelines for healthy school meals. The Universal Meals Program cannot succeed without your support; please encourage your children to participate in school meal programs.

All meals will be served to all students at no charge regardless of the eligibility status.

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Vision: Children and students in New Mexico who are deaf/hard of hearing will become lifelong learners and contributing, well-rounded successful individuals in an increasingly global society.

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