

**TRIMBLE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ONE TOMCAT DRIVE
GLOUSTER, OHIO 45732**

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year.

We are pleased to inform you that your school is offering to "EVERY" student free breakfast as well as "FREE" lunch every day for the 2018-2019 school year

You may ask how can we afford to do this?

It is made possible through the Ohio Department of Education, and a program called Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). To be eligible, according to the Ohio Department of Education, districts and/or schools must: meet a minimum level of 40% of identified students for free meals in the year prior to implementing the CEP.

We have been given this opportunity to participate in the program for four (4) years, but we can discontinue the program after the first year.

You ask why would we stop offering our students free meals?

The Ohio Department of Education does not reimburse Trimble at 100% for the meals. In order for the program to work we "must" have our students eating at school. We understand that meals have been changed over the past few years implementing healthier meal alternatives. The cooks have worked this summer putting together menus that we believe will continue to offer the same type of healthy meals, but also giving a variety of meals we know students prefer. As more students eat at school, and our participation increases our reimbursement from ODE will also increase, thus helping to cover the costs of students that would have had to pay.

What does this mean for me and my family?

In past years if you have paid for your child(ren) meals you need not send any money this school year! **EXCEPT:** Students that would like to purchase anything extra will be given that opportunity, BUT they will have to pay for it. Example: bottle of water, sandwich, milk, etc. Please keep money in your child's account for such a purchase.

THERE WILL BE NO CHARGING OF ANY EXTRA ITEMS.

If you have any question or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the school (767-2810).

Our institution is an equal opportunity employer

Billie Jo Limo
Cafeteria Supervisor