## Mahoning County Career & Technical Center and Valley STEM Community Eligibility Provision 2025-2026

## Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that MCCTC and Valley STEM will continue to implement the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs during the 2025-2026 School Year.

## What does this mean for you and your children attending MCCTC and Valley STEM?

All enrolled students of MCCTC and Valley STEM are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at **no charge** each day of the 2025-2026 school year. A la cart options and extra meals can be purchased through your Payschools Central account or by cash or check. You will no longer have to submit a meal application. However, the district will instruct you to fill out a household income form that could waive your students school fees if you meet the income guidelines. If we can be of any further assistance, please contact us at 330.729.4000

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