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Community Eligibility Provision Extends to Colquitt County High School

Moultrie, GA – April 15, 2014 – School Year 2013-14 served as the pilot year for the United States Department of Agriculture’s Community Eligibility Provision program. Colquitt County School System is currently participating in this pilot program offering breakfast and lunch at no charge to all students at each qualifying location and to all students in grades pre-k through 9th grade.

“For the 2014-2015 school year, we are pleased to announce that the Community Eligibility Provision Program will extend to ALL students at ALL locations, including Colquitt County High School. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet the nutritional needs of all of our students,” shared School Nutrition Director Monika W. Griner.

During the 2013-2014 school year, families at Colquitt County High School that believed they qualified for the free or reduced-cost lunches at the schools had to fill out paperwork to verify their eligibility. Students whose families met the income qualifications received the lunches for free or at less than half the normal price.

“This United States Department of Agriculture-sponsored program is a wonderful opportunity for our students and the Colquitt County School Nutrition Program,” said School Nutrition Director Monika W. Griner. “Families will benefit from the money saved each month and in turn have those extra funds to spend in our community. It is a win-win for our students, families, school system, and community!”

The Community Eligibility Provision, was implemented by the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010. Georgia was one of 11 states selected to pilot the program. It goes nation-wide July 2014, but only schools with the appropriate percentage of qualifying students will be able to take advantage of it even then.

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