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Thirteen CREC Locations Serve Free Breakfast and Lunch to All Students This Year

(Hartford, CT) Capitol Region Education Council is participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) as part of the National School Lunch Program for school year 2023-24. Under this provision, participating districts and schools provide free breakfast and lunch to all students at all times. All students enrolled at the following schools will receive meals through the School Breakfast Program, National School Lunch Program and the Seamless Summer Option at no charge. Household income applications are no longer required to determine eligibility for free or reduced-priced meals at schools participating in the CEP. The CEP is part of the federally funded National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program.

All students will be served breakfast and lunch at no charge at the following sites:

- CREC John J. Allison Jr. Polaris Center
- CREC Academy of Computer Science and Engineering (6-8)
- CREC Academy of Computer Science and Engineering (9-12)
- CREC Academy on International Studies Elementary
- CREC Academy of International Studies(6-12)
- Ana Grace Academy of the Arts School (PK-8)
- Reggio Magnet School of the Arts
- Academy of Aerospace and Engineering (PK-5)
- Academy of Aerospace and Engineering (6-12)
- University of Hartford Magnet School
- Greater Hartford Academy of The Arts High School
- Impact Academy
- Academy of Science and Innovation

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