

## **Lee County Public Schools Offer Meals at No Cost**

The Lee County Public School's Child Nutrition Program is excited to announce that all elementary school students will eat "meals at no cost," and an application is not required for elementary students. With this exciting news, we are asking that you help us ensure that our meal program is a success by having your child participate in school breakfast and lunch every single school day. "With the success of the CEP at the elementary level, our hope is to expand this opportunity to our middle and high school students next year," stated Connie Daugherty, CNP Director.

In addition to offering meals at no cost to elementary students, all ten schools will move to an alternative breakfast model. Breakfast is proven to reduce absenteeism, reduce behavior problems and improve a student's academic performance. With the new model, students will be allowed to take their breakfast outside the cafeteria to other designated areas. Further, breakfast will be available until the beginning of second period. Lee County Public Schools is among 4000 schools already successfully offering the Community Eligibility Provision and proud to provide these opportunities to our students.