

DATE: March 14, 2015

FROM: DESE, Food and Nutrition Services

Dear Authorized Representative:

Provided is a letter jointly signed by Secretary of Agriculture, Thomas Vilsack, and Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, regarding the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). This letter was sent to Department of Education (Chief State School Officers) for their support in implementing CEP. This letter also highlights the benefits of participating in CEP and how it interacts with Title I funding requirements. USDA requested sharing the letter with Local Education Agencies. The letter is available on the [School Food Services Homepage](#).

If you have any questions please contact our office at 573-751-3526.