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# Quarter 1 Update – Community Eligibility Provision

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## & School Nutrition Financial Impact

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**OCS vision: *“To prepare every learner for life long success.”***

**OCS School Nutrition mission: *“To support student learning by ensuring every student access to nutritious meals every school day.”***



# What is the Community Eligibility Provision?



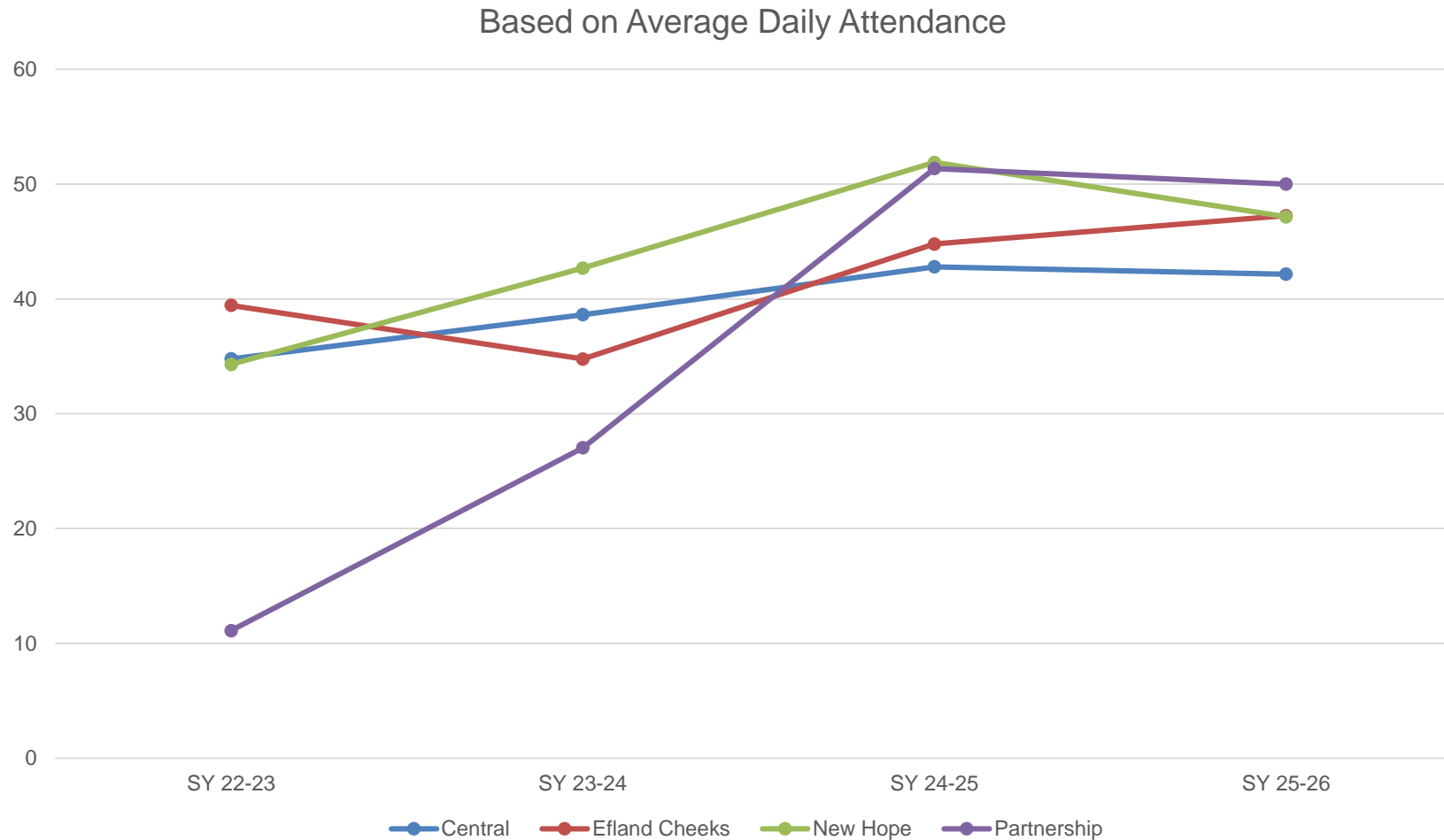
## CEP = “No Cost Meals for All” model

- Schools qualify based on Identified Student Percentage (ISP) (Students directly certified via Medicaid Free or Reduced/SNAP/TANF)
- All students at CEP schools eat **at no cost to families**
- Reimbursement determined by  $ISP \times 1.6$  USDA multiplier



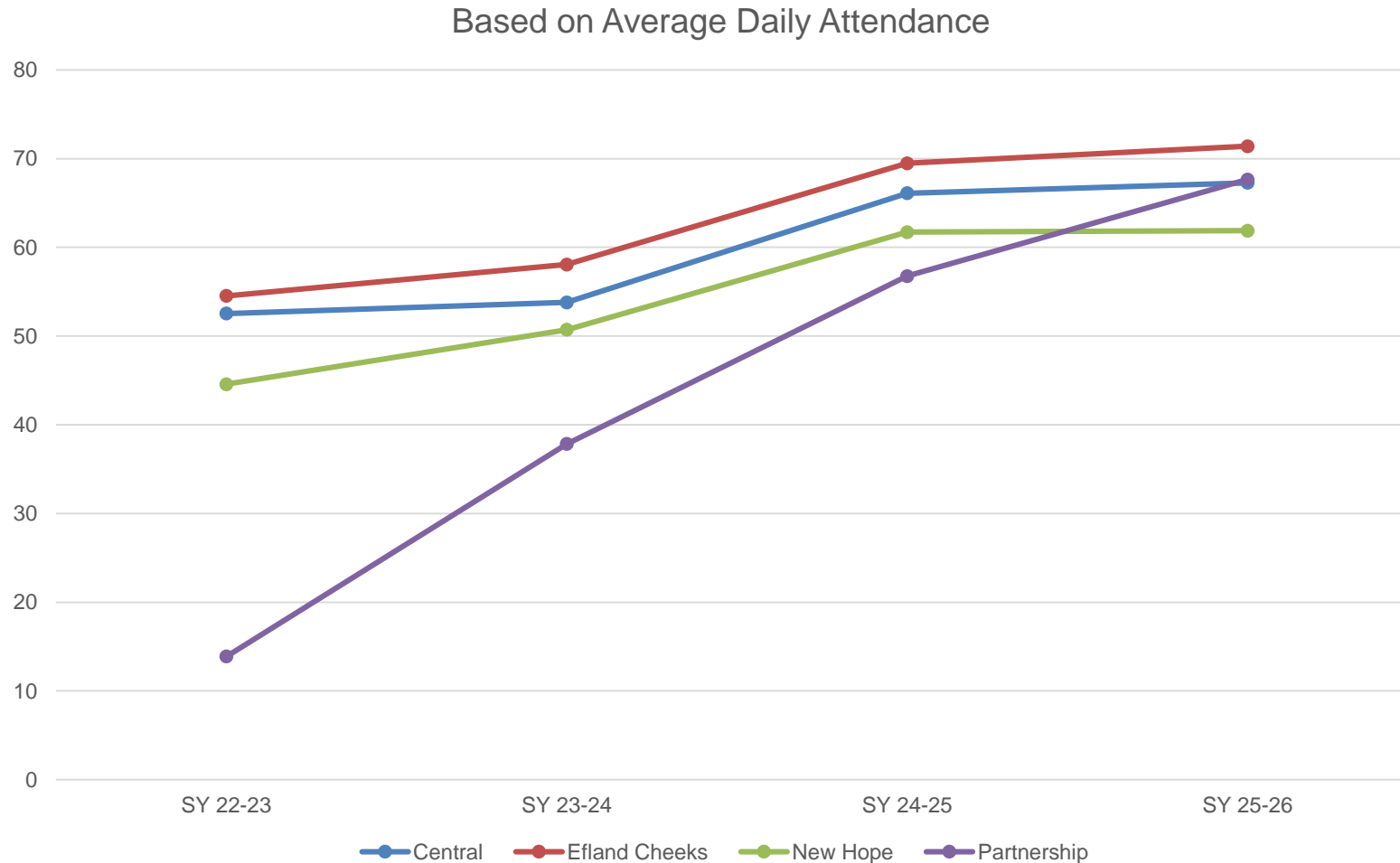
# Breakfast Participation

## Impact of CEP Program on student meal participation



# Lunch Participation

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# CEP Reimbursement Rates

- Districts may opt to designate CEP by school, or a grouping of schools
- ISP of 62.5% will generate 100% reimbursement at the “no cost” reimbursement rate
  - When grouping less than a 100% ISP, the remaining percentage of meals is paid at the paid status reimbursement rate

Meal Type	CEP - “No Cost” Reimbursement	CEP - Paid Reimbursement	NonCEP - Traditional (Student Paid Rate+ Reimbursement)
Breakfast	\$2.91	\$0.40	\$2.15
Lunch (Elementary)	\$4.71	\$0.55	\$3.30
Lunch (Middle & High)	\$4.71	\$0.55	\$3.80



# OCS School Groupings

## SY 2024-25

- **School:** Partnership Academy  
100% meals at “No cost” reimbursement rate
- **Grouping:** Central Elementary, Efland Cheeks Global Elementary, and New Hope Elementary  
94.06% meals at “No cost” reimbursement rate  
5.94% meals at Paid status reimbursement rate

## SY 2025-26

- Re-established ISP
- **Group:** All four schools  
95.41% meals at “No cost” reimbursement rate  
4.59% meals at Paid status reimbursement rate



# Quarter 1 Results: Meals Served & Impact

Based on meal participation from 1<sup>st</sup> of school – October 31st

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Breakfasts @ No Cost</u>	<u>Lunches @ No Cost</u>
SY 2024-25 Grouping	26,846	38,521
SY 2025-26 Grouping	27,173	38,907
Difference	+327	+386

Re-establishing resulted in higher number of meals at “No Cost” reimbursement rate



# Site Reimbursement Revenue Comparison

Reimbursement totals for meals per site for August & September

## Breakfast

Site	Current Claim Method	SY 24-25 Claim Method
Central	\$12,805.78	\$12,657.04
Efland Cheeks	\$30,265.58	\$29,899.41
New Hope	\$34,806.68	\$34,384.32
Partnership	\$2,536.38	\$2,507.42

## Lunch

Site	Current Claim Method	SY 24-25 Claim Method
Central	\$32,762.22	\$32,356.00
Efland Cheeks	\$73,292.84	\$72,388.17
New Hope	\$73,130.50	\$72,218.58
Partnership	\$5,094.36	\$5,294.04

*Utilization of current CEP Claim Method resulting in a \$2,852.71 net gain in the first quarter.*

*\* Both CEP claim methods resulted in higher net gain than the traditional claim method based on meals served in first quarter.*



# Addressing Food Insecurity & Next Steps

- SNAP benefit delays impacting families
- Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program (FFVP)
  - 5 Schools: Central, Grady A. Brown, Efland Cheeks, New Hope and Pathways
  - Every student is able to sample fresh produce at no cost
- Share Table Pilot Program
  - 3 Schools: Grady A. Brown, New Hope, and A. L. Stanback
  - Allow for some unused food to be repurposed



# Full Students Learn Better





Questions?



