



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

DATE: June 22, 2023

TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Dr. Lisa Coons, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Implementation of New Code of Virginia Requirement per HB2021

This memorandum is to notify local education agencies (LEAs) of the implementation of [House Bill 2021](#), effective July 1, 2023, which amends § 22.1-79, *Code of Virginia*, and requires local school boards to ensure free and reduced-price meal applications are available at back-to-school nights to which the parents of enrolled students are invited. The free and reduced-price meal applications may be in paper or electronic form, or both.

Schools Participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Program

[Federal regulations at 7 CFR 245.9\(f\)\(4\)\(iv\)](#) state that schools participating in the CEP program are prohibited from using a free and reduced-price meal application for any purpose. Therefore, schools participating in the CEP are exempt from this legislation. Contact information related to this bill is provided below.

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