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**CCSD reminds parents to apply for Free and Reduced Lunch benefits
*Oct. 1 is the deadline to submit applications***

LAS VEGAS – Starting Saturday, Aug. 9, parents will be able to apply online for meal benefits for the upcoming 2014-15 school year. A new application must be submitted each school year. Paper applications will be accepted at each student’s respective school during the week of Aug. 11. Many students are eligible for free meals through the National School Lunch Program available in all Clark County School District (CCSD) schools. The program provides nutritious meals (breakfast and lunch) every school day and does not identify students who receive free meals from those who pay for meals. Parents can view the income guideline eligibility chart at ccsd.net/departments/food-service or at applyforlunch.com.

Parents are encouraged to apply online as soon as possible for accurate and prompt processing of applications. Paper applications will be available at Back to School Fairs at local malls and in all schools. The dates and times for all Back to School Fairs are listed on ccsd.net. Benefits will not begin until the application is processed and approved by the Food Service Department. Applications for meal benefits may be submitted at any time throughout the school year.

“Students who qualified for free or reduced meals at the end of the last school year may qualify according to last year’s eligibility status while applications for the current year are processed,” said Director of Production and Procurement Virginia Beck. “However, last year’s eligibility will expire on Oct. 1, 2014.”

Beck also stated that students without an approved 2014-15 application after Oct. 1 will be required to pay for meals at the normal rate. Breakfast is \$1.25 for elementary students and \$1.50 for middle and high school students. Lunch is \$2 for elementary students and \$3.25 for middle and high school students.

For more information about the program, visit ccsd.net/departments/food-service.

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