Media Release for Free and Reduced-Price Meals Sample Form Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

The *East Preparatory Academy* has announced its policy for serving meals to children under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the *2022-2023* school year. *East Preparatory Academy* qualifies to operate the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), which provides breakfast and lunch to all children at no charge and eliminates the collection of meal applications for free, reduced-price, and paid student meals. The CEP program reduces burdens for both families and school administrators and helps ensure that students receive nutritious meals at no charge.

FREE HEALTH CARE: Families with children eligible for school meals may be eligible for FREE health care coverage through Medicaid and/or Ohio's Healthy Start & Healthy Families programs. These programs include coverage for doctor visits, immunizations, physicals, prescriptions, dental, vision, mental health, substance abuse and more. Please call **1-800-324-8680** for more information or to request an application. Information can also be found on the web at http://jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/consumers/familychild.stm. Anyone who has an Ohio Medicaid card is already receiving these services.

For additional information please contact the following person:

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