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PRESS RELEASE Encinitas, California – Availability of Free School Meals, School Year 2021-2022

The Encinitas Union School District (EUSD) announces the availability of free meals for all EUSD students for the entire 2021-2022 school year. Meals are available to all students at each of our nine elementary schools in the Encinitas Union School District (serving Encinitas and South Carlsbad). Children are able to enjoy a healthy and delicious school lunch featuring locally grown produce (including many organic items from our EUSD Farm Lab), scratch made entrees and many clean label items. School Breakfast is also available at Paul Ecke Central and Ocean Knoll Elementary schools every morning from 7:30-8:00 a.m.

To take a peek at our menus, please visit our website (<u>www.eusd.net/departments/child-nutrition-</u><u>services</u>) and like us on Facebook or Instagram @EUSDNutrition. School menus, nutrition, and allergen information can also be found on <u>www.schoolcafe.com</u>. The *Encinitas Union School District* is announcing its policy for providing free meals for children served under the *Seamless Summer Option* (*SSO*).

All students attending Encinitas Union School District will automatically receive free meals for the entire school year. In lieu of meal applications for free and reduced-price meals, we are asking families to fill out the Encinitas Union School District *School Funding Form* to allow for Federal funding in support of other educational programs that directly benefit the students of the district.

Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the eligibility determination may discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. Parents or guardians may also make a formal request for an appeal hearing of the decision and may do so orally or in writing with Joseph Dougherty, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services.

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