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

The **Orchard Park 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. **Orchard Park 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, reducedprice, 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

<u>http://jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/consumers/familychild.stm</u>. Anyone who has an Ohio Medicaid card is already receiving these services.

For additional information please contact the following person:

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