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To all participating UConn ECE Partner High Schools,

We are writing concerning our fee waiver policy for entire schools, based on Free & Reduced Lunch participation. The State of Connecticut annually publishes the data we use to determine your school's eligibility. The information becomes available each February. Our procedure is as follows:

- In February 2018, we used the newly published data to determine our list of eligible high schools for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 academic years. Eligible high schools will be notified of the status.
- Based on this information, students at your high school enrolling in UConn ECE courses will have their student fees waived for the academic years 2018-2019 and 2019-2020.
- In February 2020, we will use newly published data to determine the list of eligible schools for the next two academic years, and so on, in accordance with Provision 1.

According to the USDA Food and Nutrition Service, our program falls under Provision 1 of the guidelines. The following link provides pertinent information in regards to this new policy.

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/provisions-1-2-and-3>.

Any school with greater than 80% of its students on Free & Reduced Lunch will now be considered a "waived school" in the UConn Early College Experience program. The Connecticut State Department of Education has released a list of area-eligible schools, including Free & Reduced Lunch student percentages for those schools. The link below identifies these schools and their percentages of student's receiving F/R lunch: <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Nutrition/Area-Eligibility>.

If your high school is participating in the CEP (Community Eligibility Provision), please contact our office at ecebilling@uconn.edu for income verification forms to be completed by your students.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Kind Regards,

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