

RELEASE STATEMENT

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

Trona Joint Unified School District is participating in a Free Breakfast and Lunch program for the 2017/2018 school year. All students enrolled at the following school(s) may participate in the School Breakfast Program and the National School Lunch Program at no charge:

Trona Elementary School & Trona High School

USDA Free and Reduced Price Meal Applications are **not** required to receive free meals at the CEP school(s). However, data collection forms are distributed by the school to collect household income data for other programs that require this information and support educational funding. No household application is required to receive the free meals.

Studies have shown that children who are not hungry perform better in school. By providing breakfast & lunch to all children at no charge, we are hoping to create a better learning environment for our students.

The school breakfast and lunch that we serve follows U.S. Department of Agriculture guidelines for healthy school meals.

All meals will be served to all students at no charge regardless of the eligibility status.

For additional information please contact: Trona Joint Unified School District, Attention: Diana Martin, Food Service Director, 83600 Trona Rd. Trona, CA 93562, 760-372-2874, or dmartin@tjUSD.net.

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
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Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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