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Subject: Community Eligibility Option (CEO) - IMPORTANT UPDATE

Despite extensive testing, the CEO Michigan Calculator is frequently (but not always!??) calculating "Reimbursement for Breakfast" on the "Calculations" tab for CEO incorrectly. All other calculations appear to be correct. Attached is a revised calculator that should give you more accurate data. However, remember this is an estimate. Due to the many different potential percentages, severe need, and other variables, the CEO figures are estimates.

If you were considering CEO but decided not to participate for financial reasons, please check the CEO Michigan Calculator that you completed to make sure breakfast reimbursement under the CEO is not vastly different (like a fraction of, not a few hundred dollars difference) from the breakfast reimbursement under the "Actual" portion of the "Calculations" page. If the breakfast reimbursements for the CEO and Actual are similar, you don't need to try our new Calculator.

However, if for instance, the CEO calculates breakfast reimbursement for CEO to be half of Actual, then please take the time to fill out our attached new version. If you have already done a lot of data entry, you should be able to copy and paste from your old file into the new one on the "Identified Student %" page and the "Data" page (you just can't copy over protected cells). This should save you a lot of time. Again, check to make sure CEO breakfast reimbursement on the "Calculations" page looks reasonable compared to "Actual." It most likely will never be exactly the same but these numbers should be close.

I sincerely apologize for any inconvenience. After hours of studying the Excel files that worked and those that didn't, I still do not know why our first CEO Michigan Calculator is not functioning properly in the field. Community Eligibility is an excellent opportunity for our schools and children and I wouldn't want this problem to stop districts for applying for this option.

If you enter your data into the new spreadsheet and feel you still aren't getting accurate results, PLEASE let me know before you make a final decision. However, it is most common for schools that are at a direct certification rate of between 40% and 62% to receive less in revenues under the CEO.

Thank you for your time, patience, and understanding regarding this matter.

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