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Federal employees and contractors affected by the partial shutdown of federal agencies that began Dec. 22 may be eligible for help through the National School Lunch Program that provides free and reduced meals for low-income students.

Employees furloughed or forced to work without pay do not know the duration of the furlough or the ultimate impact on the household income. During the furlough period, household income will be impacted, therefore it is reasonable for households to obtain temporary assistance based on their current reduced income level. While free or reduced-price meal eligibility is intended to reflect actual **annual** income, applications may reflect the current household situation.

Applications are available online at www.schoolcafe.com



Once the economic hardship is remedied by a return to work / restoration of pay, families should request termination of their meal benefits by contacting the county child nutrition office. For additional information email Karen Ghiardi kghiardi@k12.wv.us or phone 304-291-9210 x 1538