**We Have Checked Your Application**

School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

We checked the information you sent us to prove that **[names of child**(**ren**)**]** are eligible for free or reduced price meals and have decided that:

* Your child(ren)’s eligibility has not changed.
* Starting **[date]**, your child(ren)’s eligibility for meals will be changed **from reduced price to free** because your income is within the free meal eligibility limits. Your child(ren) will receive meals at no cost.
* Starting **[date]**, your child(ren)’s eligibility for meals will be changed **from free to reduced price** because your income is over the limit. Reduced-price meals cost **[$]** for lunch and **[$]** for breakfast.
* Starting **[date]**, **your child**(**ren**) **is/are no longer eligible** for free or reduced price mealsfor the following reason(s):

\_\_\_ Records show that no one in your household received SNAP, TANF or FDPIR benefits.

\_\_\_ Records show that the child(ren) is/are not homeless, runaway or migrant.

\_\_\_ Your income is over the limit for free or reduced price meals.

\_\_\_ You did not provide: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ You did not respond to our request.

Meals cost **[$]** for lunch and **[$]** for breakfast. If your household income goes down or your household size goes up, you may apply again. If you were previously denied benefits because no one in the household received SNAP, TANF or FDPIR benefits, you may reapply based on income eligibility. If you did not provide proof of current eligibility, you will be asked to do so if you reapply.

If you disagree with this decision, you may discuss it with **[name]** at **[phone]**. You also have the right to a fair hearing. If you request a hearing by **[date]**, your child(ren) will continue to receive free or reduced price meals until the decision of the hearing official is made. You may request a hearing by calling or writing to: **[name]**, **[address]**, **[phone number]** or **[email]**.

Sincerely,

**[signature]**

**Non-Discrimination Statement**: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

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#### (2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or

#### (3) Email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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