## LETTER TO THE SNAP/TANF/FDPIR OFFICE FROM THE LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY

Dear:	Date
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The receipt of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) automatically qualifies children for free school meals. The regulations for SNAP, TANF and FDPIR permit SNAP, TANF, and FDPIR offices to release eligibility information to administrators of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs to ensure that only eligible children receive free meal benefits.

Enclosed is a listing of approved free meal applicants who have been selected for verification and who have indicated that the child for whom application was made now receives SNAP, TANF, and/or FDPIR benefits. On the enclosed listing, please indicate whether these household members are participating in SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR or were eligible in August 2020. This information will be used only to confirm the approved applicant's eligibility for free meal benefits.

Please return this listing by <u>(date)</u>. A self-addressed return envelope is also enclosed for your convenience. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact <u>(official's name)</u> at <u>(phone number)</u>.

Sincerely,

Signature

(Address) (Telephone Number)

Enclosure (Verification Form-SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Recipients)

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To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the <u>USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form</u>, (AD-3027) found online at: <a href="https://www.usda.gov/oascr/how-to-file-a-program-discrimination-complaint">https://www.usda.gov/oascr/how-to-file-a-program-discrimination-complaint</a> and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

(1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

1400 Independence Avenue, SW

Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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## VERIFICATION FORM - SNAP/TANF/FDPIR RECIPIENTS (Multiple Applicants)

Child's Name Last Name, First Name	SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Case #	Participate Aug 2020 or Currently Yes No
Signature of SNAP/TANF/FDF	PIR Official	 Date
Address		
Telephone Number		