Attachment XI

**NOTIFICATION LETTER FOR DIRECTLY CERTIFIED STUDENTS**

Dear Parent/Guardian: Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Your child(ren) has been automatically **approved for free meals and/or milk** during the 2021-2022 school year. This approval is based on student/household eligibility for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and/or Medicaid. **ONLY RETURN THIS LETTER to your child(ren)’s school if you do not want the free school meals/milk benefits.**

**Please DO NOT fill out an application for free or reduced price meals and/or milk for the following child(ren):**

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| **Student Name** | **School Name** | **Grade** |
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If you have student(s) in your household that are not listed above, please contact this office at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Free meal benefits will be extended to all children residing in the same household.

**If you DO NOT want your student to receive these school meal benefits, please check the box below, sign and return this letter.**

 I do not want free meals/milk benefitsfor my children listed above

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 Date Signature of Parent or Guardian

Sincerely,

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Signature

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         Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

         1400 Independence Avenue, SW

         Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

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