

LETTER OF VERIFICATION RESULTS AND CHANGE IN ELIGIBILITY

Child/Children's Name: _____

School: _____

Date: _____

Dear: _____

We have completed verification of your child/children's eligibility for school meal benefits. Starting on (10 calendar days from the date sent) your child/children's eligibility for meal benefits will be:

Changed from free to reduced price because your income is over the allowable amount. **Your child(ren) will still receive meals at no charge.**

Stopped for the following reason(s):

- Your income is over the allowable amount for free or reduced-price benefits.
- You did not provide proof of current eligibility or eligibility for the month prior to when you applied for benefits.

Your child(ren) will still receive meals at no charge.

Changed from reduced price to free immediately because your income is within the free meal eligibility limits. **Your child(ren) will receive meals at no charge.**

If you are not eligible for benefits now, but have a decrease in household income, become unemployed, or have an increase in the size of your household, you may fill out an application at that time to reapply for benefits. You will be asked to provide documentation of your household income before your application can be approved.

If your benefits have been reduced or denied based on current income and you can supply documentation that confirms the information on the application for the month prior to when you applied, your benefit status will remain the same for this school year.

If you do not agree with the decision, you may discuss it with (verifying official). You also have the right to a fair hearing. If you request a hearing by (10 calendar days), your child/children's free or reduced price benefit status will remain until the decision of the hearing official is made. You may request a fair hearing by calling or writing the following official:

Name: _____ Address: _____

Sincerely,

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1. Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Mail Stop 9410, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
2. Fax: (202) 690-7442; or
3. Email: program.intake@usda.gov

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