

# NOTICE TO HOUSEHOLDS OF APPROVAL/DENIAL OF BENEFITS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

You applied for free or reduced-price meals for the following children:

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Approved for free meals.

Approved for reduced-price meals at \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for lunch, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for breakfast, and \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for snacks.

Denied for the following reason(s):

Income over the allowable amount

Incomplete application

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not agree with the decision, you may discuss it with the school.

If you wish to review the decision further, you have a right to a fair hearing. This can be done by calling or writing the following official:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TOLL-FREE/COLLECT/LOCAL PHONE NUMBER: (Circle One) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not eligible now but have a decrease in household income, become unemployed, or have an increase in family size, fill out an application at that time.

Sincerely,

_____	_____
(Name)	(Title)
_____	
(Date)	

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410
2. Fax: 202-690-7442
3. E-Mail: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov)

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