**[School District/LEA Name]** **[Date]**

Dear **[Name]**:

We checked the information you sent us to prove that **[Name(s) of Child(ren)]** is/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. There is no cost to reduced-price meals for students enrolled in public schools.

 [ ]  Starting [date], your child(ren) is/are no longer eligible for free or reduced-price meals for the
following reason(s):

[ ]  Records show that no one in your household received Basic Food, FDPIR or TANF benefits, or, that the household receives “zero benefits”.

[ ]  Records show that the child(ren) is/are not homeless or migrant.

[ ]  Your income is over the limit for free or reduced-price meals.

[ ]  You did not provide: [List Documentation]

[ ]  You did not respond to our request.

Meals cost **[$ Amount]** for lunch and **[$ Amount]** for breakfast. Your child(ren) attending **[School Name]** can continue to receive meals at no cost through Meals for Washington Students funds regardless of eligibility for free or reduced-price meals but may no longer be eligible for reduced fees for extracurricular activities. If your household income goes down, you may apply again. If you were previously denied benefits because no one in the household received Basic Food, TANF or FDPIR benefits, or is a “zero benefits” household, 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 of Contact Person]** at **[Phone Number]**. 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 E-mail]**.

Sincerely,

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****[Name of Signee]**

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information requested in order to verify your children’s eligibility for free or reduced-price meals. If you do not provide the information or provide incomplete information, your children may no longer receive free or reduced-price meals.

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