**Attachment G**

**Notice of Approval or Denial**

**Status of Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Application**

Dear **[Name of Parent]**:

Your application has been;

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| 🞏 | Approved for free meals |
| 🞏 | Approved for reduced price meals |
|  | The cost of reduced price meals are as follows: |
|  | Lunch: |  | Breakfast: |  |  |

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| 🞏 |  Denied for the following reasons: |
|  | 🞏 |  Income over the allowable amount |  |
|  | 🞏 |  Incomplete application because |  |  |
|  | 🞏 |  Other: |  |  |

If your application has been denied because it is incomplete, it will be reevaluated when necessary information is submitted. This information can be submitted in person or by letter. If you do not agree with this denial, you may wish to discuss it with me but you still have the right to a fair hearing by calling or writing **[Name and title of Hearing Official].** An appeal must be filed within the 10 calendar days advance notice period to ensure continued benefits while awaiting a hearing and decision.

You may reapply for benefits at any time during the school year. 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,

**[Signature, name and address of Determining Official]**

Regulations require that the parent be notified in writing if the application has been denied. This form may also be used to notify parents of meal benefit approval.

(Information follows on the reverse side.)

**Attachment G (Continued)**

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1. **mail:**
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. **fax:**
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. **email:**
Program.Intake@usda.gov

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