**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.

**IMPORTANT: Regardless of a reduced or denied outcome, [Name of School/School District] offers meals at no charge to all enrolled students every school day through participation in Provision 2. No further action is required.**

REMINDER: Meal benefits apply only to the reimbursable meal. The reimbursable meal includes milk as one of the required components, and must be priced as a unit. If the student decides to take only milk, this is not a reimbursable meal and will be charged for the milk as an a la carte item.

Sincerely,

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

(Information follows on the reverse side.)

**Attachment G (Continued)**

USDA Non-discrimination Statement:

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA’s TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, [**USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form**](https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf) which can be obtained from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant’s name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

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**](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov)

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