FISCAL YEAR 2014 COUNTY WIDE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

(For use by all county offices in which school districts offer National School Lunch, After School Snack, School Breakfast Programs and Special Milk Programs including Split-Session Kindergarten Milk.)

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>: <u>This release must be used in its entirety</u> since it meets all federal regulations. The portions referring to breakfast, snacks or milk should be deleted, if not applicable. Fill in all blanks with the appropriate information.

The _____County Superintendent of Schools announced today that low cost, nutritious school lunches and/or breakfasts and/or milk are available to all children enrolled in the ______County Public School Districts listed below. In addition, meals and/or milk will be provided free or at a greatly reduced price to children from households whose gross income are at or below those shown for their household size on the income scale below. Applications for Free and Reduced Price Meals or Free Milk are sent to the households of all children enrolled in the school districts.

HOUSE-HOUSE-HOLD FREE MEALS OR MILK HOLD **REDUCED PRICE MEALS** SIZE SIZE Every Twice per Twice per Every Two Annual Monthly Annual Monthly Weekly Two Weeklv Month Weeks Month Weeks 1 14.937 1.245 623 575 288 21.257 1.772 886 818 409 1 2 2 20.163 1.681 841 28.694 776 388 2.392 1.196 1.104 552 25,389 3 3 2,116 1,058 977 489 36,131 3,011 1,506 1,390 695 4 2.552 43.568 1.816 4 30.615 1.276 1,178 589 3.631 1.676 838 5 1,494 4,251 5 35,841 2,987 1,379 690 51,005 2,126 1,962 981 6 41,067 3,423 6 1,712 1,580 790 58,442 4,871 2,436 2,248 1,124 7 65,879 7 46,293 3,858 1,929 1,781 891 5,490 2,745 2,534 1,267 8 51,519 4,294 2.147 1,982 73,316 6,110 3.055 2,820 1,410 8 991 Each Each Additional Additional +5.226+436+218+201 +101+7.437+620+310+287+144Household Household Member Member r

EFFECTIVE FROM JULY 1, 2013 TO JUNE 30, 2014

(As announced by the United States Department of Agriculture)

Application forms are available at your child's school and application can be made at any time during the school year. If a household member becomes unemployed or the household size or income changes during the school year, parents are encouraged to contact the school so that all children receive the proper benefits. For the school officials to determine eligibility, the household must provide the following information listed on the application: names of all household members; household income received by each household member; type of income; frequency of income such as weekly, every two weeks, twice a month, monthly or annually; and the signature and last four digits of the social security number of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct. The information provided by parents on the application will be kept confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility.

The school will advise parents of their child's eligibility within 10 working days of receipt of the application. Any parent dissatisfied with the eligibility determination may contact the school to request an informal conference or may appeal the decision by requesting a formal hearing. Parents may call the school for further information on the program.

Once determinations are completed, school officials are required to verify a minimum of three percent of the approved free and reduced price applications on file.

Foster children are eligible for free meals or free milk. Households receiving assistance under NJ SNAP (Food Stamp Program) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) for their children will be notified of their eligibility for free benefits unless the household notifies the school that it chooses to decline benefits. Households receiving assistance under NJ SNAP or TANF should only submit an application if they are not notified of their eligibility by a specified date determined by the school.

In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (Voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

The following school districts and charter schools participate in these programs:

NAME OF SCHOOL DISTRICT PARTICIPATING IN ONE OR MORE OF THE SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMS SUCH AS THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM, AFTER SCHOOL SNACK PROGRAM, SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM, OR SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM INCLUDING SPLIT-SESSION KINDERGARTEN MILK (List all school districts participating in one or more of the various school nutrition programs as listed above.)
DISTRICT/CHARTER SCHOOL