*🡪 INSERT DISTRICT LETTERHEAD 🡨*

Letter to Notify Household of Eligibility Status

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Parent or Guardian: Date:

Your application for free and reduced price meals or free milk has been reviewed with the following results. Effective **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,** your child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is/are:

 (*Insert date*)

APPROVED

[ ]  Free Meals [ ]  Free Milk

[ ]  Reduced Price Meals. Your cost is *$*per breakfast, *$*  per lunch and/or *$*  per after school snack.

###### DENIED/PAID

[ ]  Your application is still incomplete.

[ ]  Total household income exceeds the federal income eligibility guidelines. Your cost is:

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|  | **Breakfast** | **Lunch** | **Snack** | **Split Session Milk Program** |
| Elementary |  |  |  |  |
| Middle |  |  |  |  |
| High School |  |  |  |  |

If you do not agree with the above decision, you may discuss it with a school official and you have the right to a fair hearing. This can be done by calling or writing to the following official:

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###  (Name of Hearing Officer) (Address) (Telephone Number)

If you are not eligible now but have a decrease in household income, become unemployed, or have an increase in household size, you may fill out another application at that time to reapply for benefits. If your household does not qualify for benefits, there are other resources that may help. Check out <https://www.nj211.org/> or <http://www.endhungernj.org/>.

Sincerely,

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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;

(2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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