

**LETTER TO HOUSEHOLDS – FREE & REDUCED  
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM/SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The \_\_\_\_\_ school serves meals each school day. Children may buy lunch for \_\_\_\_\_ and breakfast for \_\_\_\_\_. Families submitting an approved application can receive meals free or at a reduced price. The School Breakfast Program (SBP) is a federally assisted meal program. It provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free breakfasts to 7.4 million children each school day throughout the country. The program was established under the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to ensure that all children have access to a healthy breakfast at school to promote learning readiness and healthy eating behaviors.

If you now receive food stamps, TAFI, or FDPIR for your child, your child can receive free meals. If your total household income is the same or less than the amounts on the Income Chart below, your child can receive free meals or reduced price meals. A foster child may receive free or reduced price meals regardless of your income. The reduced price is \_\_\_\_\_ for lunch and \_\_\_\_\_ for breakfast. If your child has a disability requiring food substitution, please request the form "Medical Statement to Request Special Meals and/or Accommodations" from the School Lunch manager for your doctor to complete.

**TO RECEIVE FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS FOR YOUR CHILD, YOU MUST COMPLETE AN APPLICATION AND RETURN IT TO THE SCHOOL. WE CANNOT APPROVE AN APPLICATION THAT IS NOT COMPLETE.**

HOW TO APPLY

If you now receive food stamps, TAFI\*, or FDPIR\* for the child you are applying for, the application must have the child's name, a food stamp, TAFI, or FDPIR case number for each child, and the signature of an adult household member. If you are applying for a foster child, the application must have the child's name, the child's "personal use" income, (such as for clothing, school fees, and allowances; and all other money the child gets, such as money from his/her family and money from the child's full-time or regular part-time jobs) and an adult signature. If you do not list a food stamp, TAFI, or FDPIR case number for the child you are applying for, eligibility will be based on household income. This application must have the child's name, the names of all household members, the amount of income each person receives, where it came from, and how often it is received. The signature of an adult household member and that adult's social security number are required. If the adult does not have a social security number, check the box.

\*TAFI - Temporary Assistance for Families in Idaho

\*FDPIR - Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

INCOME CHART			
Effective July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010			
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	20,036	1,670	386
2	26,955	2,247	519
3	33,874	2,823	652
4	40,793	3,400	785
5	47,712	3,976	918
6	54,631	4,553	1,051
7	61,550	5,130	1,184
8	68,469	5,706	1,317
For each additional member add	+6,919	+577	+134

**Verification:** Your eligibility may be checked at any time during the school year. School officials may ask you to send papers showing that your child should receive free or reduced price meals.

**Fair Hearing:** You may talk to school officials if you do not agree with the school's decision on your application or the results of verification. You also may ask for a fair hearing. You may do this by calling or writing:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Confidentiality:** This application could be used for Federal and State initiated education programs along with USDA Child Nutrition Meals.

**Reapplication:** You may apply for meals anytime during the school year. If you are not eligible now but have a change, like a decrease in household income, an increase in household size, become unemployed or receive food stamps, TAFI, or FDPIR for your child, complete an application then.

**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 Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 or (202) 720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.**

We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

Sincerely,