**NOTIFICATION LETTER FOR DIRECTLY CERTIFIED STUDENTS**

Dear Parent/Guardian: Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Your child(ren) has been automatically **approved for free meals and/or milk** during the 2023-2024 school year. This approval is based on student/household eligibility for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and/or Medicaid. **ONLY RETURN THIS LETTER to your child(ren)’s school if you do not want the free school meals/milk benefits.**

**Please DO NOT fill out an application for free or reduced price meals and/or milk for the following child(ren):**

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| **Student Name** | **School Name** | **Grade** |
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If you have student(s) in your household that are not listed above, please contact this office at 315-689-8500, extension 5002, to speak to Bernadette Fall. Free meal benefits will be extended to all children residing in the same household.

**If you DO NOT want your student to receive these school meal benefits, please check the box below, sign and return this letter.**

 I do not want free meals/milk benefitsfor my children listed above

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Date Signature of Parent or Guardian

Sincerely,

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Signature

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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](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fmailto%3Aprogram.intake%40usda.gov%2F&data=05%7C01%7C%7C0c78553776a94fdf559d08da32841787%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C637877840448353213%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=oDkok8Sj4SMLV6Ez99jHb1S0E6GB37AdQ%2FK1ZcvbhIY%3D&reserved=0)

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