Follow-Up/Second Notice to Households Who Did Not Respond to Verification Request for Information

[School District/LEA Name]

[Date]

Dear [Name]:

On [Date First Notice Was Sent], you were sent a letter - 'We Must Check Your Application'.

We requested that you respond to the letter by **[Date Response Was Requested]** to ensure that your child(ren) continues to receive free or reduced-price meal benefits.

You have not responded, nor provided information that proves your child(ren) is/are eligible to receive free or reduced-price meal benefits.

Therefore, consider this the final notice that, unless we hear from you by 10 days from the date on this letter, your child(ren)'s free or reduced-price meal benefits will be discontinued. Your child(ren) will then have to pay full price for their meals, effective **[Final Date To Receive Information]**. Your child(ren) attending **[School Name]** can continue to receive meals at no cost through Meals for Washington Students funds regardless of eligibility for free or reduced-price meals but may no longer be eligible for reduced fees for extracurricular activities. You may also reapply for benefits at any time during the school year and will be asked to provide proof of eligibility at that time.

If you have any questions or if you need any help, please call **[Contact Person's Name]** at **[Phone Number]**. You also have the right to a fair hearing if you disagree with your eligibility determination or termination of benefits. If you request a hearing by **[Date]**, your child(ren) will continue to receive free or reduced-price meals until the decision of the hearing official is made. You may request a hearing by calling or writing to: **[Name, Address, Phone number, or E-mail]**.

Sincerely,

[Name of Signee]

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information requested in order to verify your children's eligibility for free or reduced-price meals. If you do not provide the information or provide incomplete information, your children may no longer receive free or reduced-price meals.

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To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online

at: <u>https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf</u>, 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
- email: program.intake@usda.gov

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