**LETTER TO HOUSEHOLD SELECTED FOR VERIFICATION**

NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION CHILD NUTRITION AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION
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Dear

Your Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application has been selected to be checked. Federal rules require that we do this to make sure only eligible children get free or reduced price meals. You must send us information to prove that your children are eligible for free or reduced price meals.
**You must send the information we need, or contact \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or your children will stop receiving free or reduced price meals.**

To verify that your household is eligible for free or reduced price meal benefits, send copies of the following (all that are checked). If possible, send copies, not originals. If you do send originals, they will be sent back to you only if you ask.

* Earnings/Wages/Salary for each job
* Current paycheck stub that shows gross wages paid and how often it is received**-OR-**
* Letter from employer stating gross wages paid and how often they are paid

 **Return the form and copies of your papers to the school**

* Self Employed Persons (including farmers)
* Most recent copy of federal tax form 1040**-OR-**
* If previous year tax form does not show current income status, business or farming papers such as ledger or tax books may be used

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* Social Security/Pensions/Retirement
* Social Security retirement benefit letter**-OR-**
* Statement of benefits received**-OR-**
* Pension notice

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* Unemployment Compensation/Disability or Worker’s Compensation
* Notice of eligibility from State Unemployment Office**-OR-**
* Check stub**-OR-**
* Letter from Worker’s Compensation

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* Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP - formally known as Food Stamps) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits
* Benefit letter from agency
* Child Support/Alimony
* Court decree, agreement or copies of checks received
* Foster Child
* Official documentation from the agency sponsoring the child
* All other income
* If you have other forms of income (such as rental income) send information or papers that shows the amount of income received, how often it is received, and the date received

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**Send information to:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

If you have any questions or if you need help, please call \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_at\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Sincerely,

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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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