Smithtown Central School District

Letter to Parents for School Meal Programs

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Smithtown Central School District offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$2.25 for elementary and middle schools, \$2.50 for high schools; lunch costs \$3.00 for elementary schools, \$3.25 for middle and high schools. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals at no charge. Below are common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

1. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. Complete one Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk to apply for free or reduced price meals for all students in your household attending this School Food Authority. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information as indicated on the application and application instructions. Return the completed application to:Smithtown CSD, Attention Child Nutrition Dept, 26 New York Ave, Smithtown, NY 11787.

2. WHO CAN GET FREE MEALS?

- All children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), are eligible for free meals. Categorical eligibility for free meal benefits is extended to all children in a household when the application lists an Assistance Program's case number for any household member
- Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- Children participating in their school's Head Start Program are eligible for free meals.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals. Households with children who meet the
 definition of homeless, runaway or migrant should contact the SFA for assistance in receiving benefits.
- Children may receive free meals if your household's gross income is within the free or reduced price limits on the Federal Income Eligibility
 Guidelines. Students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals and snacks served
 through the Afterschool Snack Program at no charge.
- · Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart:

2023-2024 REDUCED PRICE INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES							
Total Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly		
1	\$ 26,973	\$ 2,248	\$ 1,124	\$ 1,038	\$ 519		
2	\$ 36,482	\$ 3,041	\$ 1,521	\$ 1,404	\$ 702		
3	\$ 45,991	\$ 3,833	\$ 1,917	\$ 1,769	\$ 885		
4	\$ 55,500	\$ 4,625	\$ 2,313	\$ 2,135	\$ 1,068		
5	\$ 65,009	\$ 5,418	\$ 2,709	\$ 2,501	\$ 1,251		
6	\$ 74,518	\$ 6,210	\$ 3,105	\$ 2,867	\$ 1,434		
7	\$ 84,027	\$ 7,003	\$ 3,502	\$ 3,232	\$ 1,616		
8	\$ 93,536	\$ 7,795	\$ 3,898	\$ 3,598	\$ 1,799		
Each add'l person, add	\$ 9,509	\$ 793	\$ 397	\$ 366	\$ 183		

- 3. CAN FOSTER CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income. Foster children may also be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits for other children. Including children in foster care as household members may help other children in the household qualify for benefits. If non-foster children in a foster family are not eligible for free or reduced price meal benefits, an eligible foster child will still receive free benefits.
- 4. CAN HOMELESS, RUNAWAY, AND MIGRANT CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail Michele Russ, Assistant Administrator of Special Services, 631-382-2016 or mrussol2@smithtown.k12.ny.us to see if they qualify.
- 5. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the Child Nutrition Office at 631-382-5500 if you have questions.
- 6. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and carried over for the first 30 operating days of this school year (or until a new eligibility determination is made,

whichever comes first). You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not send in a new application that is approved by the school or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free meals, your child will be charged the full price for meals.

- 7. I GET WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC) BENEFITS. CAN MY CHILD(REN) GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out an Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk.
- 8. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.
- 9. **IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER?** Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed or who experiences financial hardship mid-year may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
- 10. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Mr. Andrew Tobin, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, 26 New York Ave, Smithtown, NY 11787, 631-382-2115, atobin@smithtwon.k12.ny.us.
- 11. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You, your child(ren), or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
- 12. WHO SHOULD I INCLUDE AS MEMBERS OF MY HOUSEHOLD? You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.
- 13. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
- 14. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY? Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, clothing, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.
- 15. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for SNAP or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call 1-800-342-3009.

How to Apply: To get free or reduced price meals for your children, carefully complete one Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk, following the instructions on the form, for your household and return it to the designated office listed on the application. All household members and children should be listed on one application.

- If you receive SNAP or TANF benefits or participate in the FDPIR, the application must include the children's names, the household SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number and the signature of an adult household member.
 - Contact your local Department of Social Services for your SNAP or TANF case number, if necessary.
 - No application is necessary if the household was notified by the School Food Authority that their children have been directly certified based on Assistance Program participation. If the household is not sure if their children have been directly certified, the household should contact the school.
- If you do not list a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number for any household member, the application must include the names of everyone in
 the household, the amount of income for each household member, how often it is received and where it comes from. It must include the
 signature of an adult household member and the last four digits of that adult's social security number or check the box if the adult does not
 have a social security number.
- An application for free and reduced price benefits cannot be approved unless complete eligibility information is submitted, as
 indicated on the application and in the instructions. We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

Reporting Changes: The benefits that you are approved for at the time of application are effective for the entire school year and up to 30 operating days into the new school year (or until a new eligibility determination is made, whichever comes first). You no longer need to report changes for an increase in income or decrease in household size, or if you no longer receive SNAP.

Meal Service to Children with Disabilities: Federal regulations require schools and institutions to serve meals at no extra charge to children with a disability which may restrict their diet. A student with a disability is defined in 7CFR Part 15b.3 of Federal regulations, as one who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities of such individual, a record of such an impairment or being regarded as having such an impairment. Major life activities include but are not limited to: functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, seeing, hearing, eating, sleeping, walking, standing, lifting, bending, speaking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, communicating, and

working. You must request meal modifications from the school and provide the school with medical statement from a State licensed healthcare professional. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please get in touch with us for further information, as there is specific information that the medical statement must contain.

Confidentiality: The United States Department of Agriculture has approved the release of students names and eligibility status, without parent/guardian consent, to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of federal education programs such as Title I and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), which are United States Department of Education programs used to determine areas such as the allocation of funds to schools, to evaluate socioeconomic status of the school's attendance area, and to assess educational progress. Information may also be released to State health or State education programs administered by the State agency or local education agency, provided the State or local education agency administers the program, and federal State or local nutrition programs similar to the National School Lunch Program. Additionally, all information contained in the free and reduced price application may be released to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) or Child Nutrition Act (CNA); including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, the Special Milk Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC); the Comptroller General of the United States for audit purposes, and federal, State or local law enforcement officials investigating alleged violation of the programs under the NSLA or CNA. The disclosure of eligibility information not specifically authorized by the NSLA requires a written consent statement from the parent/guardian.

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age, disability or limited English proficiency.

If you have other questions or need help, call Jeannette Frabizio, Child Nutrition Director, 631-382-5500.

Thank you,

Jeannette Frabizo, MS, RDN Child Nutrition Director Smithtown Central School District

Nondiscrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

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- 3. email: program_intake@usda.gov

Smithtown Central School District 26 New York Ave Smithtown, NY 11787

MEAL SERVICES TO CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) aim to provide all participating children, regardless of background, with the nutritious meals they need to be healthy. This includes ensuring children with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from the NSLP and SBP.

Federal regulations require schools and institutions to serve meals at no extra charge to those children whose disability restricts their diet in such a way that they cannot fully participate in the food service program without some modification to the foods offered or the scheduled menu. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please get in touch with us for further information. You must request meal modifications from the school and provide the school with a medical statement from a State licensed healthcare professional. This medical statement must contain but is not limited to the following:

- Information about the child's physical or mental impairment that is sufficient to allow the school to understand how it restricts
 the child's diet.
- An explanation of what must be done to accommodate the child's special dietary need,
- The food or foods to be omitted and recommended alternatives, in the case of a modified meal

If you have questions regarding the need for meal modifications, contact Jeannette Frabizio, Child Nutrition Director, at 631-382-5500 for further information.

2023-2024 School Year

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Smithtown Central School District Date Withdrew _ R ____ D_ 2023-2024 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals To apply for free and reduced price meals for your children, read the instructions on the back, complete only one form for your household, sign your name and return it to the address listed below. Call 631-382-5500, if you need help. Additional names may be listed on a separate paper. **Return Completed Applications to:** Smithtown Central School District. **Attention Child Nutrition Dept** 26 New York Ave Smithtown, NY 11787 1. List all children in your household who attend school: Homeless Student Name School Grade/Teacher Foster Child Migrant, Runaway П $\overline{\Box}$ 2. SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Benefits: If anyone in your household receives either SNAP, TANF or FDPIR benefits, list their name and CASE # here. Skip to Part 4 and sign the application. _ CASE #: _ 3. Report all income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you completed step 2) All Household Members (including yourself and all children that have income). List all Household members not listed in Step 1 (including yourself) even if they do not receive income. For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total income for each source in whole dollars only. If they do not receive income from any other source, write '0'. If you enter '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report. Name of household member Earnings from work Child Support, Alimony Pensions, Retirement Other Income, Social Nο before deductions Security **Payments** Income Amount / How Often Amount / How Often Amount / How Often Amount / How Often \$ \$ 1 _ / ___ \$ I do not Total Household Members (Children and Adults) have a *Last Four Digits of Social Security Number: XXX-XX-_____ SS# *When completing section 3, an adult household member must provide the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SS#) or mark the "I do not have a SS# box" before the application can be approved. 4. Signature: An adult household member must sign this application before it can be approved. I certify (promise) that all the information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the information is being given so the school will get federal funds; the school officials may verify the information and if I purposely give false information, I may be prosecuted under applicable State and federal laws, and my children may lose meal benefits. Signature: Email Address: ___ Home Phone: _ Work Phone: _ Home Address: 5. Ethnicity and Race are optional; responding to this section does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals,

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Annual Income Conversion (Only conver Weekly X 52; Every Two Weeks		
□ SNAP/TANF/Foster		
☐ Income Household: Total Household Income/How Often:	/	Household Size:
☐ Free Meals ☐ Reduced Price Meals	☐ Denied/Paid	
Signature of Reviewing Official		Date Notice Sent:

Race (Check one or more): DAmerican Indian or Alaskan Native DAsian DBlack or African American DNative Hawaiian or Other Pacific Island DWhite

Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino

☐Not Hispanic or Latino

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for free and reduced price meals, complete only one application for your household using the instructions below. Sign the application and return the application to Smithtown CSD, Child Nutrition Dept, 26 New York Ave, Smithtown, NY 11787. If you have a foster child in your household, you may include them on your application. A separate application is not needed. Call the Child Nutrition Dept if you need help: 631-382-5505. Ensure that all information is provided. Failure to do so may result in denial of benefits for your child or unnecessary delay in approving your application.

PART 1 ALL HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE STUDENT INFORMATION. DO NOT FILL OUT MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

- (1) Print the names of the children, including foster children, for whom you are applying on one application.
- (2) List their grade and school.
- (3) Check the box to indicate a foster child living in your household, or if you believe any child meets the description for homeless, migrant, runaway (a school staff will confirm this eligibility).

PART 2 HOUSEHOLDS GETTING SNAP, TANF OR FDPIR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 2 AND SIGN PART 4.

- List a current SNAP, TANF or FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) case number of anyone living in your household.
 The case number is provided on your benefit letter.
- (2) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4. SKIP PART 3. Do not list names of household members or income if you list a SNAP case number, TANF or FDPIR number.

PART 3 ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE THESE PARTS AND ALL OF PART 4.

- (1) Write the names of everyone in your household, whether or not they get income. Include yourself, the children you are applying for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people in your household. Use another piece of paper if you need more space.
- (2) Write the amount of current income each household member receives, before taxes or anything else is taken out, and indicate where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions and other income. If the current income was more or less than usual, write that person's usual income. Specify how often this income amount is received: weekly, every other week (bi-weekly), 2 x per month, monthly. If no income, check the box. The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant, TANF and At Risk Child Care Programs should not be considered as income for this program.
- (3) Enter the total number of household members in the box provided. This number should include all adults and children in the household and should reflect the members listed in PART 1 and PART 3.
- (4) The application must include the last four digits only of the social security number of the adult who signs PART 4 if Part 3 is completed. If the adult does not have a social security number, check the box. If you listed a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR number, a social security number is not needed.
- (5) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4.

OTHER BENEFITS: Your child may be eligible for benefits such as Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). To determine if your child is eligible, program officials need information from your free and reduced price meal application. Your written consent is required before any information may be released. Please refer to the attached parent Disclosure Letter and Consent Statement for information about other benefits.

USE OF INFORMATION STATEMENT

Use of Information Statement: The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not submit all needed information, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the primary wage earner or other adult household member who signs the application. The social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs.

We may share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS

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INSTRUCCIONES DE SOLICITUD

-Para solicitar comidas gratuitas o precio reducido, llene sólo una solicitud de su hogar siguiendo las instrucciones. Firme la solicitud y envíela a Smithtown Central School District, 26 New York Ave, Smithtown, NY 11787, Attn Child Nutrition Program. Si tiene un hijo de crianza en su hogar, usted puede incluir en su solicitud. Llame a la escuela si necesita ayuda: 631-382-5500. Asegure de que toda la información se proporciona, Si no lo hace puede resultar en la denegación de beneficios para su hijo o retrasos innecesarios en la aprobación de su solicitud.

PARTE 1

TODOS LOS HOGARES NECESITEN COMPLETAR LA Información. NO LLENE MAS DE UNA SOLICITUD PARA SU HOGAR.

- (1) Imprima los nombres de los niños para usted está aplicando en una sola aplicación.
 - (2) Liste su grado y escuela.
 - (3) Marque el bloque para indicar un hijo de crianza que vive en su hogar, o si usted cree y niño cumple con la descripción para personas sin hogar, migrante, o escapado de casa (personal de la escuela confirmará esta elegibilidad).

HOGARES CON CUPONES DE ALIMENTOS, TANF O FDPIR DEBE COMPLETE PARTE 2 Y FIRME PARTE 4

- (1) Liste un presente SNAP, TANF, o FDPIR (Programa de Distribución de Alimentos en Reservaciones Indígenas) caso número de alguien viviendo en su hogar. El número del caso esta proporcionado en su tarjeta de beneficios.
- (2) Un miembro adulto del hogar necesite firmar la solicitud en PARTE 4. Omita PARTE 3. No liste nombres de miembros del hogar o ingresos si lista un caso número de SNAP, TANF o FDPIR número.

PARTE 3 TODOS OTROS HOGARES NECESITEN LLENAR ESAS PARTES Y TODOS DE PARTE 4.

- (3) Escriba los nombres de todos en su hogar, sean o no recibe ingresos. Incluya su nombre y los niños que usted está solicitando, todos los otros niños, su marido(a), abuelos, e otras personas en su hogar (familia o no). Utilice otra hoja de papel si necesita más espacio.
- (4) Escriba la cantidad de ingresos Corrientes de cada miembro del hogar recibe, antes de impuestos o otras deducciones, e indique de donde vino, tales como sueldo, asistencia social, pensiones e otros ingresos. Si el ingreso corriente es más o menos del normal, indique el ingreso normal de esa persona. Especifique la frecuencia con la cantidad de ingreso que se recibe: semanal, cada dos semanas, dos veces cada mes, o mensual. El valor de cuidado de niños, proporcionado u arreglado, o cualquier cantidad recibida como pago por cuidado de niños o reembolso de los gastos incurridos por ese cuidado bajo de Cuidado de Niños y Subvención de Desarrollo Bloque, TANF y Programas de Cuidado de Niños de Riesgos no deben ser considerados como ingresos para este programa.
- (5) Pon el número total de miembros de la familia en la cajita. Este número debe incluir todos los adultos y niños en el hogar, y debe reflejar los miembros enumerados en parte 1 y parte 3.
- (6) La aplicación debe contener sólo los últimos cuatros dígitos del Numero de Seguridad Social del adulto que firme PARTE 4 si Parte 3 está llenando. Si el adulto no tenga un Numeró de Seguridad Social, marque la cajita. Si usted listó un número de SNAP, TANF o FDPIR, un número de Seguridad Social no es necesario.
- (7) Un miembro adulto del hogar tiene que firmar la aplicación en Parte 4.

OTROS BENEFICIOS: Su hijo(a) puede ser elegible por beneficios como Medicaid o Programa de Seguro Médico para Niños (PSMN). Para determinar si su hijo(a) es elegible, funcionarios del programa necesitan información desde la solicitud de comidas gratis o precio reducido. Su consentimiento escrito se requiere antes de que cualquier información pueda ser puesta en libertad. Por favor, refiérase a la Carta de Revelación Paternal y Declaración de Consentimiento para obtener información sobre otros beneficios.

USO DE INFORMACIÓN DECLARACIÓN

USO DE INFORMACIÓN DECLARACIÓN: El Richard B. Russell Ley Nacional de Almuerzo Escolar exige la información en esta solicitud. Usted no necesita dar la información, pero si no lo hace, nosotros no podemos aprobar su hijo(a) por comidas gratis o a precios reducidos. Debe incluír los últimos cuatro dígitos del número de Seguridad Social no son necesarios si usted está solicitando para un hijo de crianza o usted lista un numero de Cupones de Alimentos, Temporal Asistencia para Familias Necesitadas (TANF) o el Programa de Distribución de Alimentos en Reservaciones Indígenas (PDARI) u otro identificador PDARI para su niño o cuando usted indica que el miembro adulto del hogar que firma la solicitud no tiene número de Seguridad Social. Nosotros usaremos su información para determinar si su niño es elegiblidad con programas qualto del nogar que firma la solicitud no la la delimento de los programas de almuerzo y desayuno. Es posible que compartiremos su información de elegiblidad con programas de educación, salud, y nutrición para ayudarles a evaluar, financiar, o determinar beneficios para sus programas, auditores para revisar programas, y funcionarios del orden para ayudarles a investigar violaciones de las reglas del programa.

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(1) correo:

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 o (202) 690-7442; o
(3) correo electrónico:
program.intake@usda.gov

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Smithtown Central School District

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT TO RELEASE ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS

2023-2024 School Year

Dear Parent/Guardian:

If your child is eligible for free and reduced price meals, he/she also may be eligible for other benefits. To receive these benefits, you must provide written consent to permit school officials to give your name, address, and an indication that your household is eligible for free and reduced price meals, to representatives of certain programs. Failure to sign a consent statement that will allow disclosure of this information will not affect your child's eligibility or participation in the school meals.

Some of the programs that may request names and eligibility information to be used to provide benefits, and for which parent/guardian consent is required, include: federal health insurance programs such as Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance program (CHIP), other federal programs, State programs, local health and education programs and other local activities. For example, the disclosure of children's eligibility for free and reduced price meals to determine eligibility for free text books, free band instruments, holiday baskets, school supplies, etc., or reduced fees for summer school or driver education programs, would require written consent by the child's parent/guardian.

If you wish to provide consent to release information contained in your child's free and reduced price meal application, to receive other benefits, please complete the attached consent statement.

Please call Jeannette Frabizio, Child Nutrition Director at 631-382-5500 if you have questions.

Sincerely, Jeannette Frabizio, MS, RDN

Enclosure (consent statement)

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CONSENT TO RELEASE FREE OR REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

School officials may release information that shows that my child/children are eligible for free or reduced price meals to the following programs. I understand that the information will only be provided to the program(s) checked.

(Check the box next to the program area(s) you wish to release information to)

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	Federal health programs such as Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).	
	State or federal programs such as the Youth Summer Work program or the Educational Talent Search Program.	
	Local health and education programs and other local programs that provide benefits such as free textbooks or school su free band instruments, or reduced fees for summer school or driver education. Community programs such as holiday baskets, summer arts and playground programs.	oplies,
	stand that I will be releasing information that will show that my child/children are eligible for free and reduced price meals. to release my confidential information for the above named uses.	I give
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