# **notice to households of approval/denial of benefits**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

You applied for free or reduced-price meals for the following child(ren):

Your application was:

* Approved for free meals
* Approved for reduced-price meals. During 2023-2024 School Year, households will not be required to pay the reduced price $0.30 for breakfast and the $0.40 for lunch due to Georgia Department of Education funding that will be used to cover these costs.
* Denied for the following reason(s):
	+ Income over the allowable amount
	+ Incomplete application because
	+ Other

If you do not agree with the decision, you may discuss it with **[school official’s name]** at **[phone number]** or at **[email address]**. If you wish to review the decision further, you have a right to a fair hearing. This can be done by calling or writing the following official:

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL

You may reapply for benefits at any time during the school year. If you are not eligible now but have a decrease in household income, become unemployed, or have an increase in family size, you may fill out a new application at that time.

Sincerely,

**[signature]**

Name Title Date

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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

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