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TO: Parent or Guardian

RE: Winnetka Schools Free Lunch Program

The United States Department of Agriculture has issued the following income guidelines for free or reduced meals beginning July 1, 2023. A student may be eligible for free lunches when:

1. The student currently lives in a household that meets the income guidelines shown below
2. The student's parents/guardians are veterans or active-duty military personnel with income at or below 200% of the federal poverty line, or
3. The student is homeless, as defined in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. Children from families whose gross income are at or below the levels shown may be eligible for free lunches.

To apply at any time during the year for free or reduced meals for your child(ren), please contact the District Office for an application. All applications must contain complete information on household members and income. You will be asked to provide the following information: total household income, the names of **all** household members, social security numbers of all household members 21 years or older or state that a household member does not have one, and the signature of an adult household member.

The District Office will notify you in writing of the approval or denial of your application within 30 calendar days. If you do not agree with the District's decision, you have a right to a fair hearing. This can be done by calling or writing to the Superintendent at the District Office.

The information you give on the application may be verified at least once during the school year. In certain cases, foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If you have foster children living with you and wish to apply for such meals for them, please notify us or indicate it on the application. No child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or handicap, and all information you provide on the application will be treated confidentially and will be used only for eligibility determinations and verification of data.

If there is a change in your family's income due to reasons such as unemployment or if there is a change in your family's size, please complete a new application or contact us so that appropriate eligibility adjustments can be made. If your child is approved for meal benefits, you must notify the school when your household income either increases or when your household size decreases. You will be notified in writing of the approval or denial of your application. If we can be of any further assistance, please contact the District Office.

Sincerely,

Brad Goldstein
Chief Financial Officer/CSBO

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR SY2024

The United States Department of Agriculture has issued the following income guidelines for the 2023-2024 school year.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	WEEKLY INCOME	MONTHLY INCOME
1	\$ 365	\$1,580
2	493	2,137
3	622	2,694
4	750	3,250
5	879	3,807
6	1,007	4,364
7	1,136	4,921
8	1,264	5,478
(each additional family member)	+129	+557

The following is the definition of income:

Income is defined as any money earned before any deductions such as income taxes, social security taxes, insurance premiums, charitable contributions, and bonds. It includes the following: (1) monetary compensation for services including wages, salary, commissions or fees; (2) net income from non-farm self-employment; (3) net income from farm self-employment; (4) social security; (5) dividends or interest on savings or bonds or income from estates or trusts; (6) net rental income; (7) public assistance or welfare payments; (8) unemployment compensation; (9) government civilian employee or military retirement or pensions or veteran payments; (10) private pensions or annuities; (11) alimony or child support payments; (12) regular contributions from persons not living in the household; (13) net royalties; and (14) other cash income. Other cash income would include cash amounts received or withdrawn from any source including savings, investments, trust accounts, and other resources which would be available to pay the price of a child's meal.