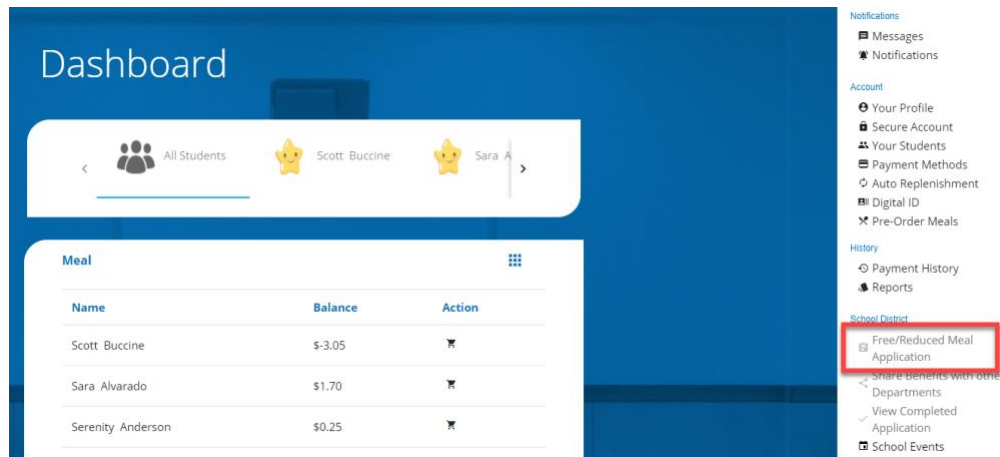


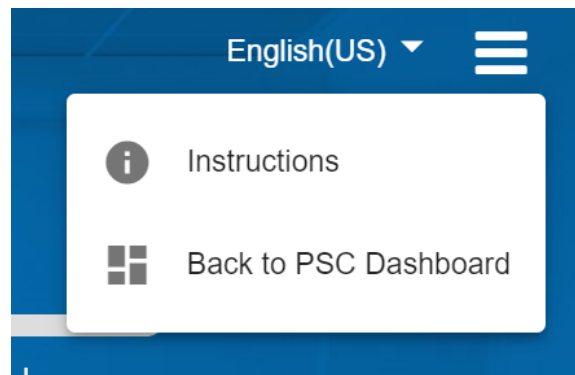
Free and Reduced Meal Applications

Start Your Application

- 1) Once you have your PaySchools Central account set up, you can begin your application.
- 2) To access the application, open the Menu and select the Free/Reduced Meal Application option.



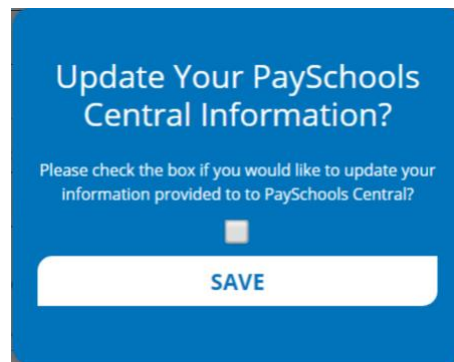
- 3) Instructions regarding how to complete an application can be accessed from the QuikApps Menu at any time.



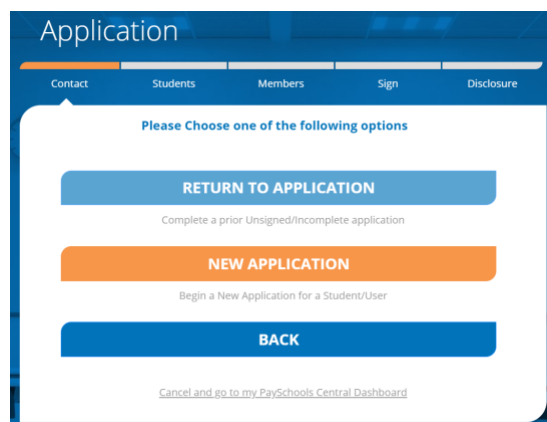
- 4) Contact information is shown pre-filled with the profile information on your PaySchools Central account.
- 5) You can verify or alter the information for your application specifically if any changes are needed.

- 6) Select your preferred contact method: email or mail. This will be used if your district requires your application to be reviewed. In that case, the district will use this contact method to send your determination letter.
- 7) Press Continue to go to the next step.
- 8) If changes were made to the contact details, you may choose to update PaySchools Central contact details as well.

Note: You can NOT update your email address, as this is also your login ID. If you wish to change your email address, please return to PaySchools Central using the option [Cancel and Go to my PaySchools Central Dashboard](#) → [Menu](#) → [Your Profile](#) feature.

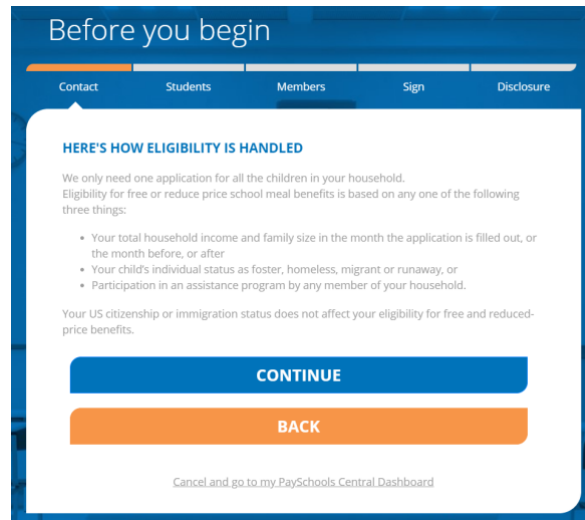


- 9) Choose your application type:
 - a) Choose Return to Application to continue an application that you started but had not completed. This option will ONLY show if you have already started an application.
 - b) Choose New Application to begin an application for this school year.



10) Before you begin, read messages from your school and instructions on how income should be entered.

- a) If your school district does NOT have a message, you will ONLY see the “Here’s how eligibility is handled” only.



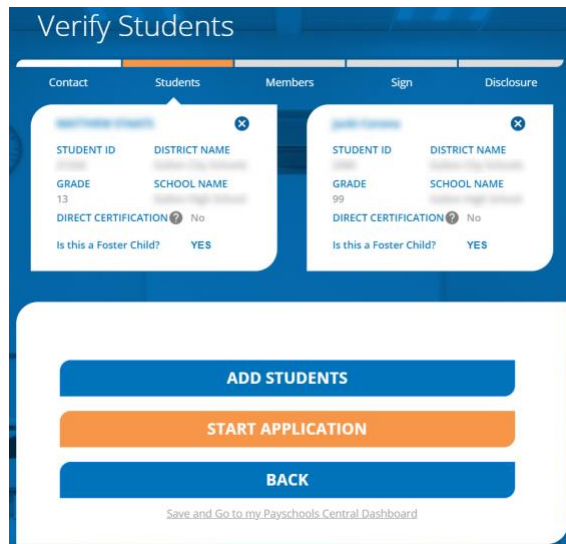
11) Here’s How Eligibility Is Handled: Instructions for how to complete an application and the details that will be need such as income types.

12) Continue to the next step:

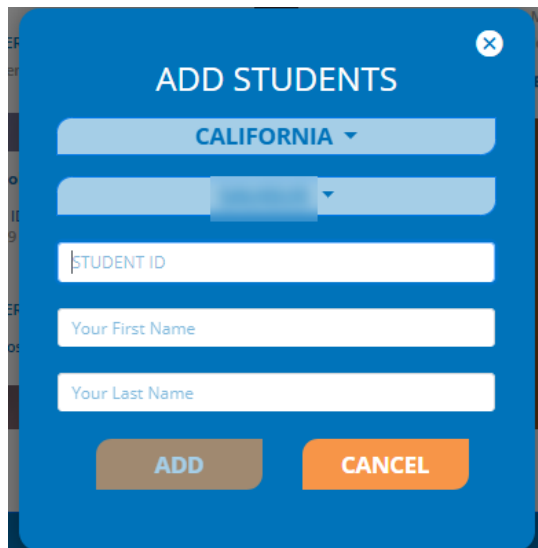
- a) Select Continue to go to the next step. Press Back to return to the last step. Use the Cancel and Go to my PaySchools Central Dashboard link to leave the application and return to PaySchools Central.

Add\Verify Students

- 1) Verify Students: Students from last year's application and PaySchools Central will be listed.



- 2) Data regarding your student will be shown, including student ID, district name, grade, and school name. In addition, if your student is already directly certified from an outside government program such as SNAP, TANF, FDPIR, this will be identified in this section. This is done directly from the State program to your school district and there is nothing needed on your side.
- 3) You can remove students with the X icon in the top right corner of each student box.
- 4) Click Add Students if you need to add additional students.

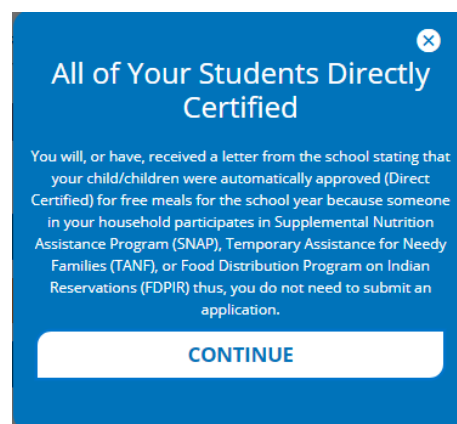


- 5) Select “is this a Foster Child?” for any students in your household who are fostered in your household. You will not enter any income or additional details for the student, but they will be part of your family count and will affect your determination.



The screenshot shows a form with the following fields: STUDENT ID, DISTRICT NAME, GRADE (with the value '6' entered), and SCHOOL NAME. Below these is a section labeled 'DIRECT CERTIFICATION' with a question mark icon and the text 'No'. At the bottom, there is a red-bordered box containing the question 'Is this a Foster Child?' followed by a checkbox and the word 'YES'.

- 6) Continue to the next step by selecting [Continue](#) or click [Back](#) to return to the last step.
- 7) Use the [Save and Go to my PaySchools Central Dashboard](#) link to save the application and return to PaySchools Central.
- 8) Directly Certified Students:
- a. If all your students are directly certified by the state, you will be informed and directed to the disclosure options to allow or prohibit sharing of your meal status for other departments. Disclosing this information can reduce the amount of money owed on school fees.



- b. If some, but not all of your students are directly certified:
- i. You can extend that benefit to the other children on your application either individually or by using the [Extend To ALL](#) option to select all students currently on your application.

- ii. If you extend benefits to ALL students on your application, you will also be redirected to the disclosure options to allow or disallow sharing of your meal status for other departments which can reduce the amount owed on school fees if your schools allow.

One of Your Students Is Directly Certified

One of your student is directly certified by a state program and provided a meal benefit, which can be extended/shared with your other students. Please choose a patron to share their meal status with other students

SELECT PATRON ▼

One of your students has been directly certified from a state program, and given a Reduced meal status. If one student in your family has already been given a status, you can extended/share the benefit with other students in your family. Please select the family members you would like to extend this benefit to, and then choose if you would like to use this meal status, or continue completing the application to enter income and determined whether you qualify for Free meal status.

Would you like to share this with other children on this application?

☐ [Name field]

☐ [Name field]

☐ [Name field]

CONTINUE

Note: Foster students will NOT be on this list, as they are verified by the state in a different manner than direct certification.

- 9) Student Assistance: If your student is NOT directly certified, you will need to enter assistance details or income.
- 10) If they are NOT part of a state assistance program, choose “None of These.”
 - a) Choose whether they are a Special Situation. If they have a Special situation, choose the option from the dropdown: homeless, migrant, or runaway.

Select Assistance Type *

None of These ▼

None of These

Homeless

Migrant

Runaway

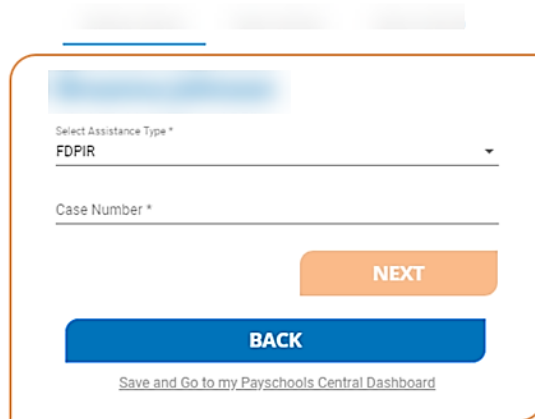
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11) If they ARE part of a state assistance program, choose the option from the dropdown (TANF, SNAP, FDPIR).

a) Enter their case number provided by the state.

- Select Next to go to the next step or click Back to return to the last step.



The screenshot shows a web form within a rounded rectangle. At the top, there is a blue header bar. Below it, the text "Select Assistance Type *" is followed by a dropdown menu showing "FDPIR". Underneath, the text "Case Number *" is followed by a text input field. To the right of the input field is an orange button labeled "NEXT". Below the input field is a blue button labeled "BACK". At the bottom of the form, there is a link that says "Save and Go to my Payschools Central Dashboard".

12) If the **student** has income, select the income box to display the income fields.

Breanna Johnson James Johnson Steven Johnson

Select Assistance Type *
None of These

Select Special Situation *
None of These

Does Breanna have income? Please select the checkbox to enter income details. ☒

Income from Work (gross income)
\$ Income * Select Frequency *

Welfare/Child Support/Alimony(gross income)
\$ Income * Select Frequency *

Pension, Retirement, SSI, VA, SS(gross income)
\$ Income * Select Frequency *

Other Income (PFD) (gross income)
\$ Income * Select Frequency *

NEXT

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13) Enter income from work, welfare/child support/alimony gross), and the frequency of the income from the drop-down.

14) Enter income from pension retirement, SSI, VA, SS (after taxes).

15) Enter other income that was NOT entered from the above such as PFD in Alaska (after taxes).

16) You **MUST** complete the amount field for each income type you select in order for the **Next** button to be enabled.

17) Continue to the next step by clicking **Next**.

Add\Verify Members

1) Verify and Add Members: Please read the information on what is considered to be a member.

The screenshot shows the 'Verify Members' page within the PaySchools Central application. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for 'Contact', 'Students', 'Members' (which is selected), 'Sign', and 'Disclosure'. Below the navigation bar, a message states: 'You have been added automatically as a member to this application, but there may be additional members in your household. Please remove or add members to this application based on the following definition:'. This is followed by a section titled 'A member is defined as:' with a bulleted list of criteria: 'Students that are in grade 12 or below and attend school in another school district', 'Children that attend all day care or pre-school, or are not of school age, including infants', 'Anyone 18 years of age or younger living in your household that does not currently attend school', 'Grandparents or other extended family members that are living with you', 'Also include people that are not currently living with you, but are only away on a temporary basis, like:', 'Kids that are away at college', and 'Members of your family that are in the military, and are deployed'. Below the list, a note says 'Include people regardless of age or whether they earn or receive income.' There is a large, empty rectangular box with a light blue border, likely for a photo or document. At the bottom of the page, there are three prominent buttons: 'ADD MEMBER' (blue), 'CONTINUE' (orange), and 'BACK' (blue). A small link at the very bottom reads 'Save and Go to my Payschools Central Dashboard'.

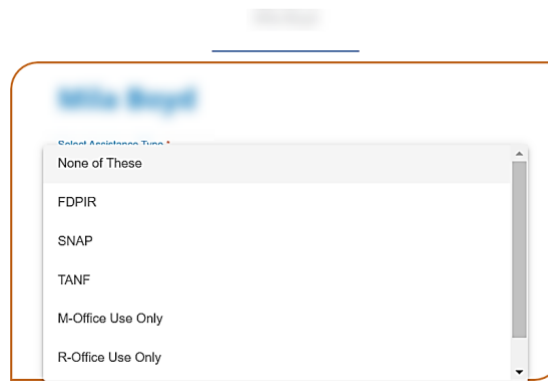
2) You will automatically be added to the application as a member.

a) Members from last year's application will automatically be added.

i. Remove members if they are no longer in your household.

ii. Add all members to your member list using the **Add Member** button.

- b) Continue to the next step by selecting the Continue button or press the Back button to return to the last step or use the Save and Go to my PaySchools Central Dashboard link to save the application and return to PaySchools Central.
- 3) Member Assistance: You will also need to enter assistance details or income for members of your household.
 - a) If they NOT part of a state assistance program, choose “None of These” from the dropdown options and to move on to the income section.
 - b) If they ARE part of a state assistance program, choose the option from the dropdown: TANF, SNAP, or FDPIR.



- c) You will then be prompted to enter your student’s case number provided by the state.
- d) If they are NOT part of a state assistance program and have income, enter income amounts and the frequency: weekly, every two weeks, monthly, or annually if that option is available for your district.
- e) Check the income box and enter the **member’s** Income.
 - i) Enter income from work, welfare/child support/alimony (gross), and the frequency of the income from the dropdown.
 - ii) Enter income from pension retirement, SSI, VA, SS (gross).
 - iii) Enter other income that was NOT entered from the above such as PFD in Alaska (gross).
- f) You MUST complete the amount field for each income type you select or the Continue button will not be enabled.

- g) Continue to the next step by selecting the Continue button or press the Back button to return to the last step. Click the Save and Go to my PaySchools Central Dashboard link to save the application and return to PaySchools Central.

4) Statements:

- a) Read the Use of Information and USDA Non-Discrimination statements.
- b) Continue to the next step by selecting the Continue button or press the Back button to return to the last step. Click the Save and Go to my PaySchools Central Dashboard link to save the application and return to PaySchools Central.

Review and Sign Application

1) Summary and Review:

Summary and Review

Contact Students Members Sign Disclosure

YOUR APPLICATION IS ALMOST COMPLETE!

Please confirm the details below. Use the Edit links below to make changes, once done you will return to this screen, or you can use the Continue button to move to the final steps.

MEMBERS

[Name] **EDIT**

STUDENTS

[Name] **EDIT**

[Name] **EDIT**

I Certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported.

I understand that this information is given in connection with the receipt of Federal Funds, and that school officials may verify (check) the information. I am aware that if I purposefully give false information, that my children may lose meal benefits. Deliberate misrepresentation of information may subject applicants to prosecution under applicable State and Federal law.

☐ I Agree

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- a) Review all member and student details:
- i. Ensure all income and assistance types have been entered.

- ii. If any details were missed or need to be changed, click on the Edit link to be directed to the student or member assistance screen to make changes. Once done, you will be redirected to this page to review again or can use the buttons at the bottom to navigate through the application again.
 - b) Read the “I certify” message and agree that all information provided is correct.
 - c) Continue to the next step.
- 2) Sign your application and give demographic data.
- a) Demographics data is optional and may or may not be displayed based on your school districts state requirements.

Disclosure Categories

Contact Students Members Sign Disclosure

SHARE MEAL BENEFIT WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS

The information you give on the Confidential Application for Free or Reduced Price Meal is only used to determine your student(s) eligibility for Free or Reduced Price meals. The information may also be used to determine your student(s) eligibility to receive benefits for other programs. We must have your permission to share your information. Please read the description for each category carefully. Completing this form will not change whether your student(s) get free or reduced meals. Completing this waiver is NOT A REQUIREMENT for participation in any school nutrition program. Please choose the program(s) by selecting the check box by each program for the ones you wish to OPT IN and share your information with.

Are you willing to share your student's meal benefits with other departments in the district for a possible reduction in your fee costs? If so, the school has listed the different departments or areas you can choose below. Please check the box for which to share your meal benefit.

☐ Check this box if you would like to share with ALL departments below

☐ Fee Waiver

☐ College Entrance Testing

☐ Crawford City, Mentoring

APPLY TO ALL STUDENTS

☐ Check this box if you would like to share with ALL departments below

☐ Fee Waiver

☐ College Entrance Testing

☐ Crawford City, Mentoring

SIGNER:

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE

I Certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported

CONFIRM PASSWORD *

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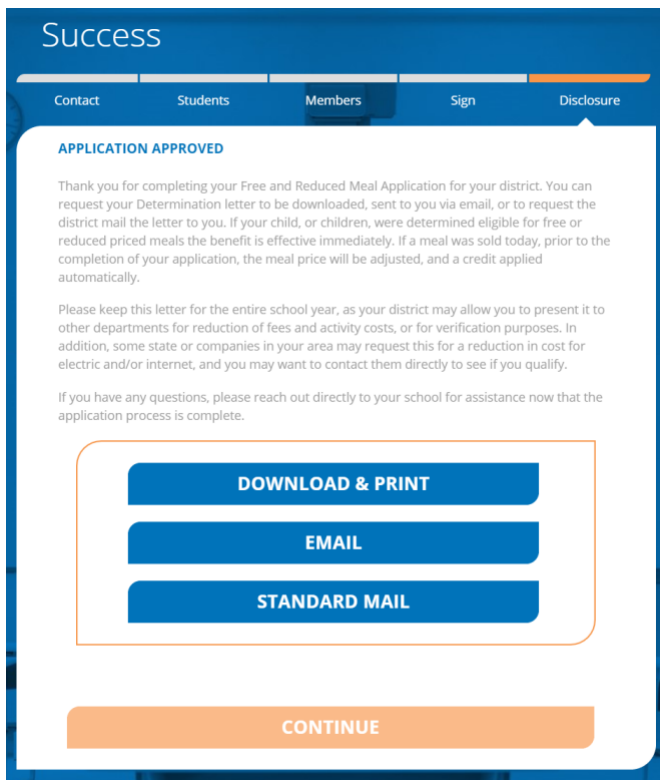
SKIP SHARING

- i. Choose between 'Hispanic or Latino' or 'Not Hispanic or Latino.'
 - ii. Choose from other demographics for additional details.
 - b) Enter the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number (SSN) or select "No SSN\Not applicable" if you do not have a SSN.
 - c) Enter your PaySchools Central password.
 - d) Continue to the next step.
 - e) Select the **Sign** button to complete the application and go to the next step.
 - f) Click the **Back** button to return to the previous step.
- 3) If applicable and set up by your school, the next step is to complete disclosure choices. This option is to share your student's meal benefit with other departments your school has designated, which can reduce fee costs.
- 4) Select the school departments to share the benefit with for each of your students individually or select the Check this box if you would like to share with ALL department's checkbox for each of your students
- 5) Enter your PaySchools Central Password.
- 6) Continue to the next step by selecting the **Sign** button sign the application and to go to the next step or press the **Back** button to return to the last step.

Get Determination Letter

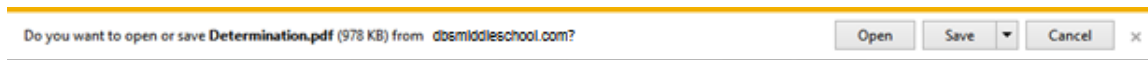
1) Get your determination letter.

a. If your school automatically approves applications:



i. Get your application via three options (note that you can do all three options if you choose):

1. Download and print: download your determination letter immediately.

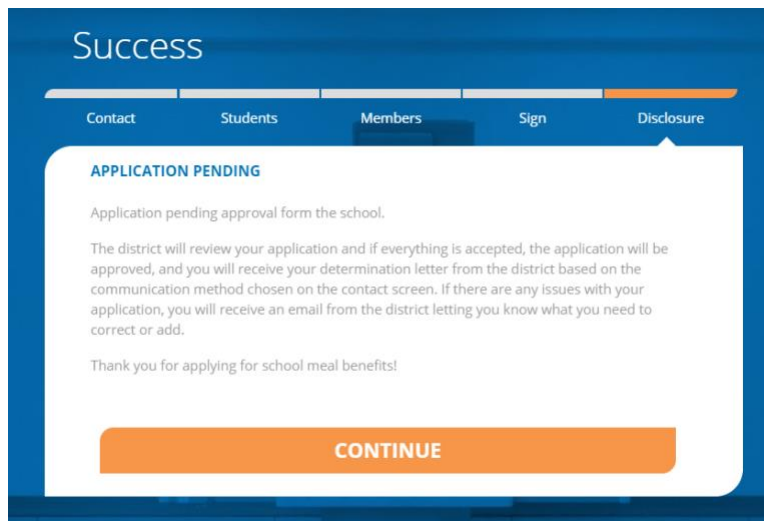


2. Email: send the determination letter to your email in PDF

3. Standard Mail: you can choose to have the determination letter sent to you from the school district via mail. Please note this will take time for the district to print and mail to you and is NOT the preferred method of delivery.

ii. If your school does NOT automatically approve applications:

1. You will be notified that the application is pending approval and your preferred contact method will be used to send your letter once approved.
2. If changes are needed for your application to be approved, an email will be sent and a screen pop-up in PaySchools Central will be shown.
3. In both cases, you will be instructed to return to your application to make changes and resubmit.



- 2) Continue to the next step by clicking Continue.

Review Completed Applications

- 1) You can view the current application from the View Completed Application option in the Menu: