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TO: School Business Administrators, Charter School Leads,
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FROM: Rose Chamberlain, Director
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DATE: May 28, 2026

SUBJECT: N.J.S.A.18A:33-23, Notification Relative to the Summer Meals Program

Each School district and nonpublic school in the State of New Jersey is required to notify each enrolled student and the student's parent or guardian of the availability of and eligibility criteria for, the summer meals programs and the locations where summer meals are available within the school district or the local school district in which the nonpublic school is located or in which the nonpublic school student resides.
N.J.S.A.18A:33-23 (attached for your review).

The above-mentioned notification must be provided by distributing complete copies of the attached flyer to all students and their parents or guardians no later than the last day of school. To complete the flyer, please add the locations where summer meals are available within your school district or within the local school district in which your nonpublic school is located or in which the nonpublic school student resides. Also include a contact name, along with phone number and email address, for each location. If additional space is required, please use an additional flyer and identify it as page 2-A continuation of locations. You may also provide electronic notice of the information contained in the complete flyer through the usual means by which you communicate electronically with students and parents.

To obtain the list of summer meal program sites in your area, please refer to the instructions, "How to Locate a Summer Food Service Program Feeding Site, located on the flyer.

Should you have any questions or require further assistance, please contact the NJDA Summer Food Service Program at 609-292-4498.

CHAPTER 387

AN ACT concerning notification of summer meals program and supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.18A:33-23 Notification relative to summer meals program.

1. a. Each school district in the State shall notify each student enrolled in the school district and the student's parent or guardian of the availability of, and criteria of eligibility for, the summer meals program and the locations in the school district where the summer meals are available. The school district shall provide this notification by distributing flyers provided by the Department of Agriculture pursuant to subsection c. of this section. The school district may also provide electronic notice of the information through the usual means by which the school district communicates with parents and students electronically.

b. Each nonpublic school in the State shall notify each student enrolled in the school and the student's parent or guardian of the availability of, and criteria of eligibility for, the summer meals program and the locations in the local school district in which the nonpublic school is located or the nonpublic school student resides where the summer meals are available. Each nonpublic school shall provide this notification by distributing flyers provided by the Department of Agriculture pursuant to subsection c. of this section. The school may also provide electronic notice of the information through the usual means by which the school communicates with parents and students electronically.

c. The Department of Agriculture shall develop and distribute flyers, no later than June 1 of the school year, to each school district and nonpublic school in the State to implement the requirements of subsections a. and b. of this section.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 16, 2018.