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Date: March 30, 2022

# Notification of Oregon Expanded Income Group Eligibility

**Dear Parent or Guardian of [insert name/names of students]:**

We are pleased to inform you that [Insert Name of School or School District ] is participating in the Oregon Expanded Income Group (EIG) Reimbursement Program. This program is state funded and expands the availability of no cost meals to many students that would otherwise not qualify for school meals at no cost.

**What does this mean for you and your children?**

Based on the information provided in the Household Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals, the student/students listed above qualify and are approved for Oregon EIG no cost school meals. Approved students areeligible to receive a complete healthy [Breakfast and/or Lunch] at school for each day of the [Insert School Year] school year at no cost. No further action is required to receive this benefit.

**What is Oregon EIG? Oregon EIG is a state funded program that expands the household eligibility requirements to qualify students for no cost school meals.**  Oregon EIG provides the financial resources to school districts to offer no cost meals to students from households with incomes between 185 – 300% of the federal poverty level.

**How is this different from USDA Free/Reduced Meal Benefits?**

The approval for Oregon EIG status is specific to EIG eligible schools in Oregon. Students attending schools not eligible to participate in Oregon EIG may still need to pay for school meals.

Based on the information provided in the Household Application For Free and Reduced Meal benefits, the household did not qualify for federal free or reduced price meals benefits (see attached Notice to Households of Denial of Benefits).

Qualifying for Oregon EIG does not qualify households or students for other programs or discounts. “Eligible for free or reduced price school meals” in relation to discounts or reduced fees refers to federal benefits, not the Oregon EIG provided benefit.

If you have questions, please contact [insert name of person/department] by calling [Insert phone number] or emailing [Insert email address]:

**Sincerely**,

[Insert name]

Determining Official

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