

NOTIFICATION LETTER FOR SCHOOL MEALS

Dear _____ :

Your application for free and reduced price meals for your child(ren) has been:

- _____ Approved for free meals.
- _____ Approved for reduced price meals. **Your child(ren) will receive breakfast and lunch meals at no charge.**
- _____ Denied for the following reason(s):
 - ___ Income over the allowable amount.
 - ___ Incomplete application. The following information is missing:
 - ___ Other:

If you do not agree with the decision, you may discuss it with a school official and you have a right to a fair hearing. This can be done by calling or writing the following official:

Patrick Dee
87 Buckley Road, Whitehall NY 12887
518-499-1770 Ext 2020
pdee@railroaders.net

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 or become unemployed, or have an increase in household size, you may fill out another application at that time.

Sincerely,

Jon Ott, MCFE
Food Service Director

Nondiscrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

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To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. **mail:**
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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