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Dear Parent or Guardian,

ARE YOU AWARE THAT YOUR STUDENT MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FREE OR REDUCED COST MEALS AT SCHOOL?

As we prepare for a new school year, I wanted to take this time to speak with you about our nutritional program here at Anderson High School District.

The School Nutrition Programs is a federally assisted meal program operating in more than 97,700 public and nonprofit private schools and residential child care institutions throughout the United States. Through this program, nutritionally balanced low-cost or free meals are served to more than 27 million children daily. The Anderson High School District participates in both the National School Lunch and School Breakfast, programs.

The lunch program is open to all enrolled children. *Free or reduced* price meals are provided to those children who qualify for such benefits according to specified family size and income standards. School staff will verify income on a percentage of those children receiving free or reduced price lunches to confirm their eligibility.

Your students comfort level at school is of our utmost importance. When your student comes into the cafeteria to eat his or her meal a personal identification number is entered into the system where the free or reduced status is coded. Student participating in the National School Lunch Program will not be overtly identified by the use of special tokens, special tickets, and special serving lines or by any other means. You can be confident that your child's privacy is protected at all times.

Here at Anderson High School District we strive to offer your student a nutritious meal that tastes great and provides one-third of the recommended dietary allowance of necessary nutrients. For parents, the program offers a convenient method of providing a nutritionally balanced lunch at the lowest possible price. For schools, the program enhances children's learning abilities by contributing to their physical and mental well being. Studies have shown that children whose nutritional needs are met have fewer attendance and discipline problems and are more attentive in class.

An application and income eligibility chart accompany this letter. Please take a moment to review the income eligibility standards for the meals program and complete an application. If you have any questions concerning the program please contact:

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