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Dear Parent or Guardian:

All students enrolled in New Jersey public schools must be surveyed to determine the percentage of students who qualify for free and reduced-price school meals. This survey is necessary even if the school does not participate in any of the federally funded Child Nutrition Programs.

Attached is an application to be used for survey purposes. Please fill out this application as soon as possible, sign it and return it to your child's school.

New Jersey is committed to ensure that all children are enrolled in a health insurance program. Information on your meal application will be shared with NJ Family Care to determine if your children qualify to participate in this state insurance program. If you do <u>not</u> wish to share your information with Medicaid or NJ Family Care, you must complete and sign the enclosed information sharing form for Medicaid or NJ Family Care and return it to your child's school. For more information, follow the link to the <u>NJ Family Care</u> website.

Contact your child's school if you have any questions. Thank you for your cooperation.

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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: <u>https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf</u>, 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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SHARING INFORMATION WITH MEDICAID or NJ FAMILYCARE

Dear Parent/Guardian:

If your children get free or reduced price school meals, they may also be able to get free or low-cost health insurance through Medicaid or NJ FamilyCare. Children with health insurance are more likely to get regular health care and are less likely to miss school because of sickness.

Because health insurance is so important to children's well-being, **the law allows us to tell Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare that your children are eligible for free or reduced price meals**, *unless you tell us not to*. Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare only use the information to identify children who may be eligible for their programs. Program officials may contact you to offer to enroll your children. Filling out the Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application does not automatically enroll your children in health insurance.

If you do not want us to share your information with Medicaid or NJ FamilyCare, fill out the form below and send in (Sending in this form will not change whether your children get free or reduced price meals).

No! I DO NOT want information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application shared with Medicaid or the State Children's Health Insurance Program (NJ FamilyCare)

If you checked no, fill out the form below to ensure that your information is NOT shared for the child(ren) listed below:

Child's Name:	School:	
Child's Name:	School:	
Child's Name:	School:	
Child's Name:	School:	
Signature of Parent/Guardian:		Date:
Printed Name:	Address:	

Return this form to your child's school, ONLY if you do NOT wish your information to be shared with Medicaid or NJ FamilyCare.