

**DIRECT CERTIFICATION ELIGIBILITY
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH /SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The City of St. Charles School District is participating in the Direct Certification program. Direct Certification means that children who are from families currently approved for SNAP, TANF or Foster can be automatically approved for free meals at schools under the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program.

Each student listed below has been approved for free meals during the 2026-2027 school year, based on his/her eligibility for SNAP, TANF or Foster.

Name of Child	Name of School

If there are other children in your household who aren't listed above, contact the school the children attend; they may qualify for free meals. SNAP/TANF benefits may be extended to other household members. Foster students do not extend eligibility to other members of the household.

Please KEEP THIS LETTER for your records. Do not return it to the school.

If for some reason you do not want your child(ren) to receive free meals or if you have any questions, please contact your child's school immediately.

Sincerely,

Michelle Fohey, Director of Dining Services
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2. Fax: (202) 690-7442; or
3. Email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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