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Free Nutrition Letter

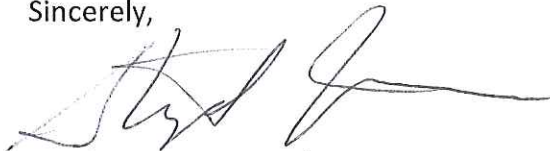
Dear Parent/Guardian,

Chicago Public Schools (“CPS”) is committed to providing free breakfast and lunch to all its students. Annually CPS serves approximately 27 million breakfasts and 43 million lunch meals. Accordingly, if your student is placed at a therapeutic day school by CPS pursuant to your student’s IEP, your student will receive free breakfast and lunch at the facility where they are placed for in-person instruction.

To ensure your student receives free breakfast and lunch, the facility will either: (1) provide breakfast or lunch to your student or (2) provide your student with a stipend to cover the cost of breakfast and lunch. CPS expects all facilities to address all students’ dietary restrictions (e.g., food allergy, pureed food). It is expected that the facility will remain in compliance with all state and federal laws, ordinances, regulations and statutes relating to, but not limited to, nutrition requirements and food allergies. Additionally, nothing interferes with a student bringing their own breakfast and/or lunch to school.

If your student is not receiving free breakfast or lunch (or both) from the facility as required, it is important to immediately notify CPS so the issue can be addressed. Notify CPS by contacting the Office of Diverse Learner Supports and Services Manager of Charter and Nonpublic District Representatives directly at 773-553-1800 or by e-mailing TDSnutritionsupport@cps.edu.

Sincerely,



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