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## MEMORANDUM FOR DODEA PARENTS,

We all know children need healthy meals to learn. Our schools strive to provide nutritious meals in a healthy environment on a daily basis. Your child/children may qualify for free or reduced price meals. Reduced price meals cost \$0.40 for lunch. If qualified, your child(ren) will receive one free or reduced price meal per day. Ala carte and additional meals are charged at full price. Eligibility information is included in this letter. The DoDEA student meal program is subsidized by federal funds and operates on a nonprofit basis. The cost of a school lunch is established by contract with Prestige Foods each fiscal year. Prices in effect through September 30, 2012 are as follows:

- Elementary - \$2.50
- Middle/High School - \$2.75
- Adult - \$4.50

### Below is a list of frequently asked questions:

- 1. If I want to be considered for free or reduced lunch, do I need to fill out an application for each child?** No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced price meals. Use one Free and Reduced Price Meal Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Sign and return the completed application to: DoDEA-Guam DSO (Attn: Leslie Nolan, Student Meal Program Manager), PSC 490, Box 7655, FPO AP 96538. You may also submit the application to your child's school.
- 2. Who can get free meals?** Children in households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits (formerly the Food Stamp Program), or getting TANF, and most foster children can get free meals regardless of your income. Also, your children can get free meals if your household income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Guidelines.
- 3. Can homeless, runaway and migrant children get free meals?** Please call Leslie Nolan, Student Meal Program Manager, to see if your child(ren) qualify, if you have not been informed that they will get free meals.
- 4. Who can get reduced price meals?** Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Income Chart, shown on this application.

**5. Should I fill out an application if I got a letter this school year saying my children are approved for free or reduced price meals?** Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the Student Meal Program Manager at 344-9582 if you have questions.

**6. I get WIC, can my child(ren) get free meals?** Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out an application.

**7. Will the information I give be checked?** Yes, we may ask you to send written proof.

**8. If I don't qualify now, may I apply later?** Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start receiving SNAP or getting TANF or other benefits. If you lose your job, your children may be able to get free or reduced price meals.

**9. What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application?** You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Student Meal Program Manager, PSC 490, Box 7655, FPO AP 96538.

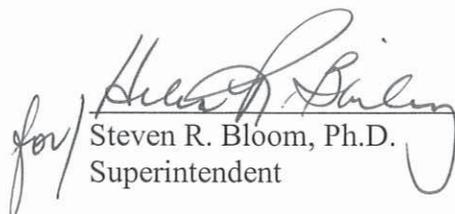
**10. May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen?** Yes, you or your child(ren) do not have to be a U.S. citizen to qualify for free or reduced price meals.

**11. Who should I include as members of my household?** You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends). You must include yourself and all children who live with you.

**12. What if my income is not always the same?** List the amount that you normally get. For example, if you normally get \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$900, put down that you get \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you get it only sometimes.

**13. We are in the military, do we include our housing allowance as income?** If your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. All other allowances must be included in your gross income.

If you have other questions or need help with the application process, please call the Student Meal Program Manager, Leslie Nolan at 344-9582.

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