

**TO THE PARENT / GUARDIAN OF:
JOAQUIN VARGAS LONDONO
Beebe School
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**CATALINA LONDONO & CESAR VARGAS
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MALDEN, MA 02148

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NOTICE OF DIRECT CERTIFICATION - FREE

Dear Parent/Guardian:

In School Year 2022-2023, all students will receive free breakfast and lunch at school. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has provided money to do this for one year through the State budget.

School districts are still required to conduct Direct Certification and notify households of the results. This notification is to let you know that your child has qualified for free meals based on Direct Certification.

The child(ren) listed below will receive free meals at school. Students are eligible if they:

- receive MA SNAP, MA TAFDC or
- receive Medicaid AND has a family income as measured by the Medicaid Program that does not exceed NSLP income guidelines or
- live in a household with a child that receives Medicaid AND has a family income as measured by the Medicaid Program that does not exceed NSLP income guidelines

If there are other children in your household who aren't listed, they also qualify for free meals.

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If you are not receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits and have been approved for free school meals, you may be eligible for SNAP which provides monthly financial assistance to purchase groceries to Massachusetts residents who qualify. Find out if you are eligible for SNAP today by calling Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline at 1-800-645-8333 and a counselor can help you apply over the phone. You can also apply on your own online at DTA Connect:

<https://dtaconnect.eohhs.mass.gov/apply>

Please contact **Kate Filteau at 781-397-6061 or cfilteau@maldenps.org** if there are other children in your household who are not listed above and you would like them to receive free meals at school OR you do not want your children to receive free meals. If you should have any additional questions, please contact us.

Sincerely,
Kate Filteau
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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 <<http://mailto:program.intake@usda.gov/>>

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