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To: School Business Administrators, Charter School Leads, Non Public School Administrators,
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Subject: New Jersey Senate Bill 4200 - State Payment for Reduced Price Meals

On January 21st, Governor Murphy signed New Jersey Senate Bill 4200 into law. This law, which supplements Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes, appropriates \$4.5 million to cover the student cost of reduced price **breakfast and lunch** meals served to **public school students** determined as reduced price eligible.

Effective July 1, 2020, SFAs must no longer charge students falling under the reduced price category \$.40 for lunch and \$.30 for breakfast. All students determined as reduced price eligible will receive breakfast and lunch meals **at no cost** to the student.

Please note that this law eliminates the cost of the reduced price meal **to the student**, but does not eliminate the reduced price category. SFAs must continue to maintain the total number of reduced price eligible students, the number of reduced price breakfasts and lunches claimed, and all internal recordkeeping practices related to the reduced price category. This information will continue to be required during submission of the monthly reimbursement voucher.

SFAs with computerized Point of Sale software systems must make appropriate adjustments to ensure that their systems are still tracking and counting reduced price meals without charging the reduced price eligible students for the breakfast and lunch meals. The Letter to Parent for the 2020-2021 School Year must also reflect a cost of \$0.00 for reduced price breakfast and lunch meals.

This law does not extend to the Afterschool Snack Program.

Questions may be directed to the School Nutrition Programs unit at 609-984-0692.