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## Dear Parents/Guardians:

At the beginning of the school year we directed families to the Sunapee School District website at <a href="https://www.sau85.org">www.sau85.org</a> to access information for free and reduced meals and complete a Free and Reduced Application application. It has come to our attention that the required Application Prototype Cover Page was inadvertently not included with that packet. Per USDFA, we are required to mail the enclosed cover page with the following information.

In accordance with 7 CFR 245.6 the cover page must be included in the application to let those whom are applying know what they are applying for, what the information they provide will be used for and everything the applicant needs to include when filling out the application. While the cover page is not word for word the same as what is stated in the guidance, the cover page in the pdf has the same intent as what the guidance states that is required. According to 7 CFR 245.6, this cover page is required stating: "The application and descriptive materials must include substantially the following statements:

"The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced-price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number are not required when you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced-price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules."

If you wish to apply for Free and Reduced meals you can apply online at <a href="http://www.schoollunchappl.com">http://www.schoollunchappl.com</a> or contact Robert Fullerton at 603-763-5615 x337 for an application packet.

Sincerely.

Russell Holden

Superintendent of Schools

## Application Prototype Cover Page

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This information is being collected to assist the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) in providing program operators an application prototype for participation in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP). This application prototype meets all of the regulatory requirements. While it is voluntary for program operators to use this application prototype, the information it collects is required for applicants to obtain program benefits in accordance with the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA) (42 U.S.C. § 1758). FNS does not use the information collected at the local level. This collection requests personally identifiable information under the Privacy Act of 1974; all responses are to be kept private to the extent provided by law. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for this information collection is 0584-0026. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 7 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, Child Nutrition, Office of Policy Support, 1320 Braddock Place, 5th Floor, Alexandria, VA 22314, ATTN: PRA (0584-0026). Do not return the completed form to this address.