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Attention Parents:

Advantage Arts Academy will begin participating in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program in the near future. In anticipation of approval to these federal meal programs, we are providing households with the opportunity to apply for free or reduced-price meals. Please be aware that although we are providing the free and reduced-price applications at this time, the application will need to be turned in to the school before the free or reduced-price status can be applied to meals your student receives. We anticipate providing meals the first day of school and your student will be charged at the full lunch price until an application.

In preparation of serving meals at our school, we want to ensure families have access to establishing free or reduced-price eligibility prior to meals being provided. We do not want to create an undue burden on our families that may already be eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

As a reminder, families are allowed to submit an application for free or reduced-price meals at any point during the school year. Families who have already applied for assistance with other Federal programs such as SNAP, TANF, and various Medicaid programs may have access to meal benefits. (See additional details in the attached letter/instructions regarding assistance programs that may qualify your student(s) for free or reduced-price meals).

Applying for meal benefits is kept confidential, as is the eligibility status of all students that may qualify for free or reduced-price meals. Meals provided to all free and reduced-price students are the same meal that is provided to all students. Differentiation or identification of students qualifying for free or reduced-price meals will not take place in the classroom or within the meal service line.

We are excited to provide our students with healthy and nutritious meals as participants in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program.

Please contact Melissa Murrell at 801-878-8622 or [mmurrell@advantagearts.org](mailto:mmurrell@advantagearts.org) or with any questions in regards to completing the free and reduced-price application included with this memo or regarding the start of meal service at our school.

Sincerely,

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