**[insert date]**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We want to let you know that the students listed below will receive milk at school because they have been directly certified and are automatically eligible for milk at no cost without further application. Direct certification is the process of determining students eligible for free milk benefits based on documentation obtained directly from the appropriate state or local agency or another authorized individual. Students who are identified as **foster children, homeless, runaway, or being enrolled in a federally funded Head Start Program are considered to be directly certified if documentation was provided by an appropriate state agency (e.g., Connecticut Department of Children and Family Services) or an authorized individual overseeing the mentioned programs. If you have received this letter, do not submit a free milk application.**

Maintain this copy for your records. It may be used as proof of free eligibility for other programs.

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| **Name of child** | **Name of school** |
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For these types of direct certification, **only the student identified as being directly certified is eligible for free milk.**

Please contact **[insert name] at [insert telephone number] or [insert e-mail address]** if:

* there are other students in your household who are not listed above, and you would like them to receive free milk at school;
* you do not want your children to receive free milk; or
* you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

**[insert name and title]**

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1. mail: 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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