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Letter to Parents for School Meal Programs Special Provision Options (Provision 2 Non-Base Year & Community Eligibility Provision)

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that Integration Charter Schools, (comprised of John W Lavelle Prep, New Ventures, Richmond Prep and the Richard and Lois Nicotra Early College Charter Schools) will be implementing a meal certification option available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for 2023-2024.

What does this mean for your child(ren) attending the school(s) identified above?

All students enrolled at <u>John W. Lavelle Prep Charter School</u>, <u>Richmond Prep and Nicotra Early College Charter School</u> are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at <u>no charge</u> to your household each school day of the 2023-2024 school year. <u>New Ventures Charter School</u> students are eligible to receive a healthy dinner at **no charge** to your household. No further action is required of you. Your child(ren) will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit an application. For the duration of hybrid/distance learning, all students are also eligible to receive free breakfast and lunch meals for preparation and consumption at home.

If you have any further questions, please contact us at (347) 855-2238.

Sincerely,

Susan Varvara
Director of Operations

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