



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER SID MILLER

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Texas law (Education Code §33.901) requires public school or charter campuses with 80 percent or more of enrolled students eligible for free or reduced-price meals in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) to provide universal breakfast, breakfast at no cost to all students, or seek a waiver. As a courtesy, the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) provided you a list of campuses in your district that meet this threshold in a letter dated January 15, 2018. TDA has identified errors in the list of campuses provided to your district. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. Enclosed you will find an updated list of campuses required comply with universal breakfast requirements in school year 18/19.

Districts may seek an annual waiver by school to opt-out of this requirement. To start the waiver process the district must notify TDA. This notification will be accomplished through an online form that will be located in TX-UNPS. TX-UNPS is the electronic system used to submit your application to participate in nutrition meal programs as well as file claims for meal reimbursement. The waiver form will be available until June 30, 2018.

To obtain a waiver, the district must ensure the following:

- The request to submit a waiver is approved (1) at a regular school board meeting or (2) by the governing body during an annual budget approval meeting.
- The decision to apply for a waiver must be a separate line item on the agenda for meeting described above.
- The school board or governing body must provide an opportunity for public comment before the decision is made at the school board meeting or governing body annual budget approval meeting.

If you plan on offering breakfast at no cost to all students at these campuses, you do not need to take any action right now; your intent to offer breakfast at no charge will be indicated in the district's NSLP application, which opens May 1, 2018.

There are federal provisions available to help your district offer breakfast at no charge. Information on these provisions can be located at www.squaremeals.org/CEP. You may also reach out to your Education Service Center for assistance. TDA strives to provide the most accurate and timely information to ensure you have the resources to achieve your program goals. We appreciate your dedication to these programs and your partnership in their administration.

Sincerely yours,

Catherine Wright-Steele

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Food and Nutrition

Texas Department of Agriculture
Enclosure 1: Universal Breakfast Waiver SY 2018-2019
April 2, 2018

CE Name: PALESTINE ISD
CE ID: 00005

Site Number	Site Name	Percentage Free and Reduced
0102	WASHINGTON EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER	100.00