Letter to Parent/Guardian Explaining Requirements for School Meal Modification Requests

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your student's school will make meal modifications prescribed by a licensed medical authority that is authorized by Kansas state law to write medical prescriptions (MD, DO, PA, or APRN) to accommodate a disability. A prototype *Medical Statement to Request School Meal Modification* is on our website, www.usd397.com Under Menu/Enrollment /Printable Enrollment Forms and can be used to request a meal modification.

IMPORTANT: For a student who does not have a disability, a request for meal modifications can be made and the school MAY choose to make substitutions. Any modification of this kind must meet the reimbursable meal pattern.

If you have questions or need assistance, please call the District Office at 785-983-4304.

Sincerely,

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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;
- (2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) Email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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