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Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Prairie State College Children's Learning Center participates in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and receives federal funds to help cover the costs of providing nutritious and well-balanced meals to children. The amount of federal money we receive is based on the information you provide on the attached application. Therefore, your prompt completion and return of this application will be beneficial to your child as well as other children at this facility. Follow the instructions provided on the back of this letter; the application must contain all the needed information before it can be approved.

If you believe your household income is less than or equal to the Household Income Eligibility Guidelines listed below, or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly the Food Stamp Program) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits, your child(ren) may qualify for meal benefits. We ask your cooperation in filling out the attached application.

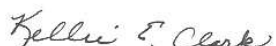
The information you provide on the application will be used to determine your child's eligibility for meal benefits. The information will be kept confidential and only available to staff directly connected with administering the CACFP. Section 6 on the application requires you to sign that section if you do not want your information given to the All Kids Health Insurance Program. If contacted by another program, we may share your child's eligibility information with or without your consent. These programs might be education, health, or nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs; auditors for program reviews; and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

HOUSEHOLD INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
Effective from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010
Level for Reduced-Price Meals

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	20,036	1,670	835	771	386
2	26,955	2,247	1,124	1,037	519
3	33,874	2,823	1,412	1,303	652
4	40,793	3,400	1,700	1,569	785
5	47,712	3,976	1,988	1,836	918
6	54,631	4,553	2,277	2,102	1,051
7	61,550	5,130	2,565	2,368	1,184
8	68,469	5,706	2,853	2,634	1,317
Each additional family member add	+6,919	+577	+289	+267	+134

Return the completed form to the Children's Learning Center. If you have any questions, please contact our Center.

Sincerely,



Kellie E. Clark
Director, Children's Learning Center