## Ohio Department of Education Office of Nutrition

## **National School Lunch Program**

Notification of the Medicaid Pilot Program for Free and Reduced Price Meals Dear Parent/Guardian,

Ohio is one of the fourteen states selected by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to participate in the Direct Certification with Medicaid Demonstration Project. This means, during the 2023-2024 school year, all households that receive Medicaid, and fall within income eligibility guidelines, will automatically qualify for free or reduced-price meals for their school aged-children.

If your household currently qualifies for Medicaid, you will NOT need to complete a free and reduced-price meal application. You will be receiving a letter in the mail indicating your child(ren)'s meal status.

If you currently receive Medicaid, but did not receive notification that you qualify, please reach out to the Director of Nutrition Services, Andrea Helton, <u>ahelton@wellingtonvillageschools.org</u>, 440.647.7415.

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