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Congratulations to the Class of 2020! (See article on page 3.)



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Thank you to the retirees of the Solvay UFSD!

On June 15, the Solvay UFSD celebrated 11 employees retiring from the district. Please join us in congratulating them on their retirement and thanking them for their service! Below are samples of their coworkers words and well wishes for a wonderful retirement.

Patricia Campbell - Pat started her teaching career for the Syracuse City School District and North Syracuse Central School District. She came to SHS in 2002 as a special education teacher. Pat was the founding advisor of the Gay-Straight Alliance. She performed several roles in school plays and musicals. Pat had a special gift connecting to students. "Carry on wayward son."

Diana Dattler - Diane became a bus driver in 2001. Her first week, Diane wasn't sure being a bus driver was the right fit for her. Diane stuck with it and enjoyed the many students who rode her bus.

Kathleen Demperio - Kathy has been cooking meals for SES students since 2007. She has cooked 868,000 meals for students. Enjoy your next adventure.

Steven Devendorf - Steve was a technology teacher at SHS since 2003. Throughout the years, he was involved in student activities, managed the district's website, and coached. Steve truly cares about all students.

Barton & Diane Grimsley - Bart became a bus driver in 1995 and for a short time as a mechanic helper. Diane started her career as a teaching assistant at Lakeland Elementary School 33 years ago and later moved to SES. Together, Bart and Diane have 58 years in the district.

Donna Kurtz - Donna became a teaching assistant in the test center at SHS in 2004. She created an environment to allow students a place for testing accommodations. Donna's personally got the best out of each student that came into the center.

Faith Riker - Faith began as a teaching assistant in 1998 at Hazard Street Middle School and worked there until it closed. She transferred to SMS to continue providing support to teachers and students. Faith participated in after school activities through the years including the district's 21st Century BEST program.

Beverly Salati - Bev was a "lunch lady" or food service helper at SES since 1987. She saw many changes during her 33 years with the food service program.

Deborah Saturno - Deb joined the transportation department in 2000 as a bus driver. She was also the district-wide courier delivering mail and boxes to each building. Deb participated in SES's PBIS program giving Bearcat coupons to students on Fridays for safe and respectful behavior.

Eileen Sgarlata - Eileen joined the special education department in 1997 as a clerical aide. Her role changed to a Typist II in 2002. Eileen has been the mainstay of the special education office. She extended her soft heart and an ear for listening to any student who needed to talk or time away from the classroom.

Karen Szymanski - Karen joined the district in 1993 as a cafeteria aide. She changed roles in 1999 to a teaching assistant at SMS helping teachers and students in many subject areas. Karen provided support for student activities in many after school events including the district's 21st Century BEST program.

Cap and Gown Distribution

On June 13 Solvay High School held a drive-thru cap and gown distribution for the seniors. As they drove up, DJ Keith Lasher set the tone with an energetic, curated play list designed especially for this occasion. The bus loop was lined with Solvay teachers and staff, once again demonstrating their continued support for our senior class. After receiving their cap and gown, seniors had a chance to drop off their instruments, textbooks, athletic uniforms, Chromebooks, and any other items they would no longer need as they move on to the next phase of their lives. The Parents of SADD added the final special touch to the event by providing a Grab and Go Breakfast for each student.

It was a bittersweet day for our seniors, families, faculty, and staff. It was a great day to be a Bearcat!



SES Miss You Parade



Alumni Nathan Kosecki

Congratulations Nathan Kosecki! Nathan received his Bachelor of Science degree from SUNY Oswego in three years, Summa Cum Laude. In addition, he was on the President's List for three years. The Solway community is very proud of all your accomplishments!

153rd Commencement

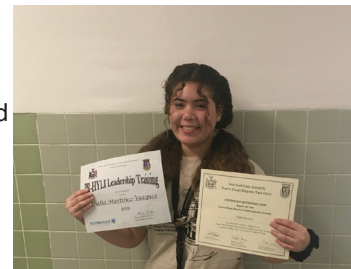
On June 20 Solway High school conducted its 153rd Commencement Ceremony. The last few months of this year's graduating seniors was unlike anything they've ever experienced and the commencement ceremony was just as unique. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the traditional graduation ceremony had to be adjusted. The ceremony was conducted at Chevy Court on the NYS Fairgrounds. All students were announced, walked the stage, and had their picture taken while being cheered on by family and friends. As a bonus, the graduates' pictures were taken by C2 Photography as they performed the tradition of turning the tassel in front of the Greenscapes waterfall.

Even though the year ended in a way no one could have predicted, the Solway High School Class of 2020 will be forever bonded together. Our seniors have overcome numerous obstacles during the last few months and have done so with hard work and perseverance. There is no doubt they are ready to take on the challenges that lie ahead.

The Class of 2020 has truly demonstrated what it means to be a Bearcat!

Puerto Rican Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute

Thalia Martinez Vazquez is a junior who was selected to participate in the Puerto Rican Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute for the 2019-2020 school year. Students are chosen based on an application process that includes grades, school involvement in activities, and an essay.



Students traveled to OCM BOCES to participate in full day leadership activities over the course of the school year. They were taught skills that will empower them, meet with Hispanic members of the NYS legislature, educators, and business leaders providing them with opportunities to develop as future leaders. In addition, members are chosen to participate in a 3-day event in Albany in March. Thalia participated in both the regional and state level.

Congratulations to Thalia for all her accomplishments!

2019-2020 Varsity Award Winners

FOOTBALL MVP	Elijah Wright	SOLVAY TIGER AWARDS	
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY MVP	Luke Dwyer	VOLLEYBALL	Gianna D'Agostino
GIRLS SOCCER MVP	Haley Muehl	BOYS SOCCER	David Boots
BOYS SOCCER MVP	Alex Wilsch	GIRLS SOCCER	Natalia Pena
CHEERLEADING MVP	Emily Garritillo Zora Robinson	BOYS BASKETBALL	Elijah Wright
VOLLEYBALL MVP	Sophia Guadagnolo	GIRLS BASKETBALL	Tasnim Pitts
BOYS BASKETBALL MVP	Justin Scott Brock Bagozzi	GIRLS TRACK	Erica Bagozzi
GIRLS INDOOR TRACK MVP	Sophia Guadagnolo	KISHMAN FOOTBALL AWARD	Elijah Wright
BOYS INDOOR TRACK MVP	Xzavier Morris	HILL TOP AWARDS	
GIRLS BASKETBALL MVP	Haley Muehl	FOOTBALL	Brock Bagozzi
BOYS BOWLING MVP	Ethan Bigelow	BOYS SOCCER	Josh Florczyk
GIRLS BOWLING MVP	Abigail Lee	GIRLS SOCCER	Hannah Martineau
JAY O'CONNER SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS		H. EARL HADLEY SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS	
BOY	Jaimen Bliss Blaine Franklin	BOY	Jaimen Bliss
GIRL	Gianna D'Agostino	GIRL	Haley Muehl
THOMAS PIRRO COACHES AWARDS		A1 TROPHY AWARD- BOY	Blaine Franklin
BOY	Elijah Wright	A1 TROPHY AWARD-GIRL	Sophia Guadagnolo
GIRL	Hannah Martineau	AL MEROLA/BEARCAT PRIDE	Jaimen Bliss
SENIOR ACADEMIC ATHLETES		AL MEROLA/BEARCAT PRIDE	Blaine Franklin
BOY	Trevor Lee	COLLEEN SMITH BOOSTER CLUB AWARDS	
GIRL	Isabella Lambert	BOY	Josh Florczyk
KATHY PATALINO STUDENT ATHLETIC AWARDS		GIRL	Caitlin McCann
BOY	Tyriq Block		
GIRL	CeCe Cavallo		

2020-2021 BREAKFAST AND LUNCH WILL BE FREE FOR ALL SOLVAY ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Solvay Elementary School and Solvay Middle School will again be Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) schools. This is available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for 2020-2021 school year. Students in these schools will have access to both free breakfast and lunch. Elementary and middle (PreK-8) students are automatically eligible to receive free breakfast and lunch.

Students in the high school must have a 2020-2021 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals submitted by October 16. Only one application per family. When filling out the application include ALL household adults and students. Every year a new application is required.

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Solvay UFSD** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **\$1.30**; lunch costs **\$2.50**. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals and snacks served through the Afterschool Snack Program at no charge.

1. **DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD?** No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced price meals. *Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household.* We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: **Pam Kinne, Solvay UFSD, 600 Gertrude Ave., Solvay, NY 13209; phone (315) 484-1403.**
2. **WHO CAN GET FREE MEALS?** All children in households receiving benefits from **SNAP, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations** or **TANF**, can get free meals regardless of your income. Categorical eligibility for free meal benefits is extended to all children in a household when the application lists an Assistance Program's case number for any household member. Also, your children can get free meals if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Households with children who are categorically eligible through an Other Source Categorically Eligible designation, as defined by law, may be eligible for free benefits and should contact the SFA for assistance in receiving benefits.
3. **CAN FOSTER CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?** Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income. Foster children may also be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits for other children. Including children in foster care as household members may help other children in the household qualify for benefits. If non-foster children in a foster family are not eligible for free or reduced price meal benefits, an eligible foster child will still receive free benefits.
4. **CAN HOMELESS, RUNAWAY, AND MIGRANT CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?** Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail **Neil Gottlieb, at (315) 487-7061 or email ngottlieb@solvayschools.org** to see if they qualify.
5. **WHO CAN GET REDUCED PRICE MEALS?** Your children may be approved as reduced price eligible if your household income is within the reduced-price limits on the Federal Eligibility Income Chart, shown on this letter. Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals and snacks served through the Afterschool Snack Program at no charge.
6. **SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS?** Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at **(315) 484-1403** if you have questions.
7. **MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE?** Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for up to the first 30 operating days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
8. **I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILD(REN) GET FREE MEALS?** Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out a **FREE/REDUCED PRICE MEAL** application.
9. **WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED?** Yes and we may also ask you to send written proof.
10. **IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER?** Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
11. **WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION?** You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **Karen Henry, Assistant Superintendent for Business, PO Box 980, Syracuse, NY 13209 or 315-468-4942.**
12. **MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN?** Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
13. **WHO SHOULD I INCLUDE AS MEMBERS OF MY HOUSEHOLD?** You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.
14. **WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME?** List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
15. **WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE INCLUDE OUR HOUSING ALLOWANCE AS INCOME?** If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.
16. **MY SPOUSE IS DEPLOYED TO A COMBAT ZONE. IS HER COMBAT PAY COUNTED AS INCOME?** No, if the combat pay is received in addition to her basic pay because of her deployment and it wasn't received before she was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your school for more information.
17. **MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR?** To find out how to apply for **SNAP** or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call **1-800-342-3009**.

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS

2020-2021 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS OR FREE MILK

REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART

Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 23,606	\$ 1,968	\$ 984	\$ 908	\$ 454
2	\$ 31,894	\$ 2,658	\$ 1,329	\$ 1,227	\$ 614
3	\$ 40,182	\$ 3,349	\$ 1,675	\$ 1,546	\$ 773
4	\$ 48,470	\$ 4,040	\$ 2,020	\$ 1,865	\$ 933
5	\$ 56,758	\$ 4,730	\$ 2,365	\$ 2,183	\$ 1,092
6	\$ 65,046	\$ 5,421	\$ 2,711	\$ 2,502	\$ 1,251
7	\$ 73,334	\$ 6,112	\$ 3,056	\$ 2,821	\$ 1,411
8	\$ 81,622	\$ 6,802	\$ 3,401	\$ 3,140	\$ 1,570
*Each Add'l person add	\$ 8,288	\$ 691	\$ 346	\$ 319	\$ 160

How to Apply: To get free or reduced price meals for your children carefully complete one application following the instructions for your household and return it to the designated office listed on the application. If you now receive SNAP, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) for any children or participate in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), the application must include the children's names, the household SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number and the signature of an adult household member. All children should be listed on the same application. If you do not list a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number for any household member, the application must include the names of everyone in the household, the amount of income each household member, and how often it is received and where it comes from. It must include the signature of an adult household member and the last four digits of that adult's social security number or check the box if the adult does not have a social security number. **An application for free and reduced price benefits cannot be approved unless complete eligibility information is submitted, as indicated on the application and in the instructions.** Contact your local Department of Social Services for your SNAP or TANF case number or complete the income portion of the application. No application is necessary if the household was notified by the SFA their children have been directly certified. If the household is not sure if their children have been directly certified, the household should contact the school.

Reporting Changes: The benefits that you are approved for at the time of application are effective for the entire school year and up to 30 operating days into the new school year (or until a new eligibility determination is made, whichever comes first). You no longer need to report changes for an increase in income or decrease in household size, or if you no longer receive SNAP.

Income Exclusions: The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care Development (Block Grant) Fund should not be considered as income for this program.

Reduced Price Eligible Students: **Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals and snacks served through the Afterschool Snack Program at no charge.**

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or disability

Meal Service to Children With Disabilities: Federal regulations require schools and institutions to serve meals at no extra charge to children with a disability which may restrict their diet. A student with a disability is defined in 7CFR Part 15b.3 of Federal regulations, as one who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities of such individual, a record of such an impairment or being regarded as having such an impairment. Major life activities include but are not limited to: functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, seeing, hearing, eating, sleeping, walking, standing, lifting, bending, speaking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, communicating, and working. You must request meal modifications from the school and provide the school with medical statement from a State licensed healthcare professional. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please get in touch with us for further information, as there is specific information that the medical statement must contain.

Confidentiality: The United States Department of Agriculture has approved the release of students names and eligibility status, without parent/guardian consent, to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of federal education programs such as Title I and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), which are United States Department of Education programs used to determine areas such as the allocation of funds to schools, to evaluate socioeconomic status of the school's attendance area, and to assess educational progress. Information may also be released to State health or State education programs administered by the State agency or local education agency, provided the State or local education agency administers the program, and federal State or local nutrition programs similar to the National School Lunch Program. Additionally, all information contained in the free and reduced price application may be released to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) or Child Nutrition Act (CNA); including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, the Special Milk Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program and the Special

Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC); the Comptroller General of the United States for audit purposes, and federal State or local law enforcement officials investigating alleged violation of the programs under the NSLA or CNA.

Reapplication: You may apply for benefits any time during the school year. Also, if you are not eligible now, but during the school year become unemployed, have a decrease in household income, or an increase in family size you may request and complete an application at that time.

The disclosure of eligibility information not specifically authorized by the NSLA requires a written consent statement from the parent/guardian. We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

Sincerely,
Karen Henry
Assistant Superintendent for Business

Nondiscrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USD/ through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), (AD-3027) found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (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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Changing Your Address

Have you moved? If you moved during the summer or if you are planning on moving during the school year, you are required to notify your school principal of that new address as soon as your move is complete. If your new address is not within the boundaries of the school district, then you will need to register with a school in the district where your new residence is located.

Also, remember to keep your student(s') school(s) informed of all changes in contact information including phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

Calling all Solvay Alumni! We want to hear from you!

Have a story to share? Good news or an exciting accomplishment? Share it with us! Email us at sentinel@solvayschools.org.

Fulbright Teacher at SHS

Solvay High School was honored to host a Fulbright teacher from Morocco during the winter/spring of 2020.

Mr. Mustapha Titchou joined Ms. Linda Vaught in the English as a New Language Program working with the English



Language Learners. Mr. Titchou focused on learning and practicing new ways to teach public speaking to bring back to his students in Morocco. Mr. Titchou spent the months of February and March working with Ms. Vaught, and also observing other classrooms, including teachers in Chorus, English, Biology, Chemistry, the Global Studies, Physical Education, Health, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and others.

Mr. Titchou was greatly appreciative of this opportunity and found the Solvay community to be a warm and welcoming one. Mr. Titchou also took the opportunity to show us some Martial Arts skills since he is a black belt in Morocco.

This was a great experience for students and teachers. We are grateful to SU for working with the district to offer this opportunity.

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS

Date Withdrew _____

Attachment Va F ____ R ____ D ____

2020-2021 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk

To apply for free and reduced price meals for your children, read the instructions on the back, complete **only one** form for your household, sign your name and **return it to the address listed below**. Call **(315) 484-1403** if you need help. Additional names may be listed on a separate paper.

Return Completed Applications to: Pam Kinne, Solvay UFSD, 600 Gertrude Ave., Solvay, NY 13209

1. List all children in your household who attend school:

Student Name	School	Grade/Teacher	Foster Child	Homeless Migrant, Runaway
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Benefits:

If anyone in your household receives either SNAP, TANF or FDPIR benefits, list their name and CASE # here. **Skip to Part 4, and sign the application.**

Name: _____ CASE #: _____

3. Report all income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you answered 'yes' to step 2)

All Household Members (including yourself and all children that have income).

List all Household members not listed in Step 1 (including yourself) **even if they do not receive income**. For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total income for each source in whole dollars only. If they do not receive income from any other source, write '0'. If you enter '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report.

Name of household member	Earnings from work before deductions <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Child Support, Alimony <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Pensions, Retirement Payments <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Other Income, Social Security <i>Amount / How Often</i>	No Income
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Total Household Members (Children and Adults)

*Last Four Digits of Social Security Number: XXX-XX- ____ - ____

I do not have a SS# ☐

*When completing section 3, an adult household member must provide the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SS#), or mark the "I do not have a SS# box" before the application can be approved.

4. Signature: An adult household member must sign this application before it can be approved.

I certify (promise) that all the information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the information is being given so the school will get federal funds; the school officials may verify the information and if I purposely give false information, I may be prosecuted under applicable State and federal laws, and my children may lose meal benefits.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Home Address: _____

5. Ethnicity and Race are optional; responding to this section does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals.

Ethnicity: ☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ Not Hispanic or Latino

Race (Check one or more): ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black or African American ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Island ☐ White

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE – FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY

Annual Income Conversion (Only convert when multiple income frequencies are reported on application)
Weekly X 52; Every Two Weeks (bi-weekly) X 26; Twice Per Month X 24; Monthly X 12

☐ SNAP/TANF/Foster

☐ Income Household: Total Household Income/How Often: _____ / _____ Household Size: _____

☐ Free Meals ☐ Reduced Price Meals ☐ Denied/Paid

Signature of Reviewing Official _____ Date Notice Sent: _____

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for free and reduced price meals, complete only one application for your household using the instructions below. Sign the application and return the application to **Pam Kinne, Solvay UFSD, 600 Gertrude Ave., Solvay, NY 13209.**

If you have a foster child in your household, you may include them on your application. A separate application is not needed. Call the school if you need help: (315) 484-1403. Ensure that all information is provided. Failure to do so may result in denial of benefits for your child or unnecessary delay in approving your application.

PART 1 ALL HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE STUDENT INFORMATION. DO NOT FILL OUT MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

- (1) Print the names of the children, including foster children, for whom you are applying on one application.
- (2) List their grade and school.
- (3) Check the box to indicate a foster child living in your household, or if you believe any child meets the description for homeless, migrant, runaway (a school staff will confirm this eligibility).

PART 2 HOUSEHOLDS GETTING SNAP, TANF OR FDIPIR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 2 AND SIGN PART 4.

- (1) List a current SNAP, TANF or FDIPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) case number of anyone living in your household. The case number is provided on your benefit letter.
- (2) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4. SKIP PART 3. Do not list names of household members or income if you list a SNAP case number, TANF or FDIPIR number.

PART 3 ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE THESE PARTS AND ALL OF PART 4.

- (1) Write the names of everyone in your household, whether or not they get income. Include yourself, the children you are applying for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people in your household. Use another piece of paper if you need more space.
- (2) Write the amount of current income each household member receives, before taxes or anything else is taken out, and indicate where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions and other income. If the current income was more or less than usual, write that person's usual income. **Specify how often this income amount is received: weekly, every other week (bi-weekly), 2 x per month, monthly. If no income, check the box.** The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant, TANF and At Risk Child Care Programs should **not** be considered as income for this program.
- (3) Enter the total number of household members in the box provided. This number should include all adults and children in the household and should reflect the members listed in PART 1 and PART 3.
- (4) The application must include the last four digits only of the social security number of the adult who signs **PART 4** if Part 3 is completed. If the adult does not have a social security number, check the box. **If you listed a SNAP, TANF or FDIPIR number, a social security number is not needed.**
- (5) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4.

OTHER BENEFITS: Your child may be eligible for benefits such as Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). To determine if your child is eligible, program officials need information from your free and reduced price meal application. Your written consent is required before any information may be released. Please refer to the attached parent Disclosure Letter and Consent Statement for information about other benefits.

USE OF INFORMATION STATEMENT

Use of Information Statement: The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not submit all needed information, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the primary wage earner or other adult household member who signs the application. The social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDIPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs.

We may share your eligibility information with education, health, and 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.

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- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
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