



# GREEN BROOK ACADEMY

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June 17, 2015

Gregory A. Tatum  
Superintendent  
Union Board of Education  
2369 Morris Avenue  
Union, NJ 07083

Dear Gregory A. Tatum:

Re: School Meals for students at  
Green Brook Academy

Effective July 1, 2007, New Jersey Administrative Code allows an exception (N.J. 6A:23A-18.5 (a)20 iii) that does not require state approved private schools to charge for lunches. Private schools such as Green Brook Academy are not eligible to participate in the Child Nutrition Program and therefore are not eligible to apply for or receive funding from said program. However, the private school may use part of their tuition cost, which has been established by the State Department of Education, to pay for student meals.

We are currently meeting the unique needs of 3 of Union's "Special Needs" students. The lunch provided by Green Brook Academy is provided by an outside vendor and is in accordance with nutritional standards developed for public school students.

The meals, for some of our students, are the only decent meal they receive due to their impoverished home situation. The cost of providing these lunches does not affect the tuition that has been set by the New Jersey Department of Education. Administrative Code requires that 51% of the school districts that have contracted to send students to a private school in a given fiscal year must pass a resolution for that school to be in compliance.

In order to provide these meals, Green Brook Academy is required to obtain a resolution consistent with N.J. 6A:23A-18.5(a)20 iii passed by your board granting said permission. Enclosed please find an example of a Green Brook Academy Resolution.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-18.5, the Board of Education of DISTRICT does not require Green Brook Academy to charge students for reduced and/or paid meals for the 2015-2016 school year.

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We fully understand how busy you are, particularly at this time of the school year. However, we would greatly appreciate your assistance in passing this resolution and forwarding us a copy.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at (732)-469-8677 or email at [cdougherty@greenbrookacademy.com](mailto:cdougherty@greenbrookacademy.com).

Sincerely,

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