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June 1, 2020

Mr. Gregory E Brennan
Business Administrator
Union Board of Education
2369 Morris Avenue
Union, NJ 07083

Re: Kohler Academy (formerly The Arc Kohler School) Child Nutrition Meal Program – SY 2020-2021

Dear Mr. Brennan:

Meal time is a very important part of our therapeutic day because it gives our occupational and speech therapists the opportunity to work individually with our children. Many of our children have feeding issues and need the professional assistance that our therapists provide. For this reason, Kohler Academy would like to continue to provide breakfast and lunch free of charge for all of our students.

Kohler Academy operates as an approved not-for-profit private school for students with disabilities, providing the free meal program is in accordance with N.J.A.C.6A:23-18.5(a)20i and 20ii. These regulations have two requirements.

Kohler Academy meets the first requirement by providing meals that meet the nutritional requirements of the Child Nutrition Program of the NJ Department of Agriculture. We are seeking your assistance with the second requirement.

As of July 1, 2007, the State Board of Education amended N.J.A.C.6A:23-4.5(a)20 which will require Board of Education action on your part for us to continue this practice. As per NJDOE regulations, we are requesting a resolution from the Board of Education, on letterhead, stating that Kohler Academy can provide breakfast and lunch free of charge to all students. The sample resolution attached contains the actions requiring Board of Education authorization.

The NJ Department of Education requires that the resolutions be received by August 31, 2020. With the upcoming summer recess, we ask that you provide this resolution by June 30, 2020.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance in this time sensitive matter. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at jkaufman@kohleracademynj.org.

Very Truly Yours,

Jennifer Kaufman,
Principal
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Enclosure

cc: The Arc of Union County – Finance Department

UNION BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION
2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR KOHLER ACADEMY MEALS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Kohler Academy is a not-for-profit NJ Department of Education Approved Private School for Students with Disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the School District of Union has contracted to send to Kohler Academy certain students with disabilities who reside in the District; and

WHEREAS, Kohler Academy provides meals that meet the nutritional requirement of the Child Nutrition Program as administered by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Kohler Academy will apply for and receive funding for meals in accordance with the income eligibility criteria established by Child Nutrition Program as administered by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture.

WHEREAS, Kohler Academy does not charge students for the cost of the meals;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that the Union Board of Education acknowledges the foregoing actions and in accordance with N.J.A.C..6A:23-4.5(a)20 authorizes Kohler Academy to include the costs of meals provided within the annual tuition rate charged to students.

Board Secretary (Name)

Date

Board Secretary (Signature)