**TEMPLATE LETTER TO PARENTS**

***Note:*** *Customize this Letter to Parents to announce your afterschool meals program through your school.*

[DATE]

Dear Parents or Guardians,

Most children rejoice when the school bell rings at the end of the day. For families that rely on school breakfast and school lunch, providing healthy food at the end of the school day adds additional stress to tight family budgets.

The At-Risk Afterschool Meals Programs connects children with the free healthy food they need in a safe, supervised location. For many kids, this is their only opportunity to access a healthy meal after the school day ends. Afterschool meals sites offer fun learning and recreational activities so kids and teens can eat a healthy meal while staying active and being with friends.

**Afterschool Meals Program Details:**

* Meals are **FREE to children and teens ages 18 and younger**
* Food served at afterschool meal sites **follows USDA nutrition guidelines** and are **paid for by the USDA**
* Afterschool meals sites are at fun, safe places for kids to go such as **schools, churches, community centers and other places**
* Sites offer **learning and recreational activities** for kids of all ages so they can eat, hang out with friends and take part in activities offered
* **Parents don’t need to apply to the program or show proof of income**

The Afterschool Meals Program not only saves you money, but ensures your kids are getting the healthy meals they need every day in a safe, supervised place. Just go to www.WEBSITE.com or call 1-XXX-XXX-XXX to learn more or to find a site near you.

Sincerely,

[NAME]