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Appendix G3. Invitation Letter for Mailed Surveys

Dear parent/guardian,

You and your child are able to take part in the *Summer Meals Study*! Westat is conducting this study on behalf of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service to answer questions like:

- Where do children spend their summer months?
- Do your children go to any summer programs?
- What would make your children more likely to go to summer programs that serve free meals?

Please fill out the attached Caregiver Survey and have your child fill out the attached child/teen section of the survey. It should take you 20 minutes each to fill out and your responses will provide valuable information about how summer meal programs can best serve families and their children. Use the postage-paid envelope to return the survey to us within a week.

Instead of this paper survey, you and your child can fill out the survey online by visiting the secure website below and entering your unique PIN.

SURVEY WEBSITE: <https://www.SUMS.org>
YOUR PIN: <PIN>

After we receive your completed survey, we will send you an additional \$10 in cash.

Your participation in this survey is completely voluntary. Please know that your responses will be kept private as required by law and will not be shared with anyone not involved with conducting the study. Neither your name nor any other information about your identity will be used in any reports. The information you provide will be combined with information from everyone who participates in the study. You may skip any question that you prefer not to answer. If you decide not to participate, there will be no loss of benefits. As described in the system of record notice (SORN) titled FNS-8 USDA/FNS Studies and Reports (published in the Federal Register on April 25, 1991, volume 56, pages 19078-19080), FNS and contractors working on their behalf may collect and analyze this information for research purposes and are required to have safeguards in place to keep data private.

More information about this study is provided in the brochure included with this letter. If you have any questions about the study or how to fill out the survey, please email SUMS@westat.com or call 1-800-XXX-XXXX.

Your opinion matters to us. Thank you for helping us with this important study!

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Sincerely,

The Summer Meals Study Team

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