### New Menu Items Tool: Family Letter Template

*Print on district letterhead*

[Date]

Dear [District Name] Families,

The [District Name] [Department Name] hosts taste tests in the cafeteria and periodically adds new food items to our lunch menu. Our school meals are both healthy and delicious. We are always striving to vary and improve them by making them unique and nutritious.

Students often need to try foods multiple times before liking them. We offer taste tests to introduce students to new foods in fun ways. The cafeteria is a classroom where students learn about new foods and healthy eating. Each student will have the opportunity to try a small sample of a new food.

After each taste test, we ask the students if they liked the food item and if they would like to see the item on the monthly menu. Then, we post a description of the taste test and the survey results for families to read. If you would like to be involved with the taste testing activities, please contact our school nutrition department at [contact info].

To find out more about our school nutrition programs, visit [link].

Please contact me with any questions at [your work phone number] or email me at [your work email address].

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Title]

[District Name]