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To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the <u>USDA Program Discrimination Compaint Form</u>, (AD-3027), found on line at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866)632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

1.) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410

2.) Fax: (202)690-7442: OR

3.) Email: program.intake@usda.gov.

For any other information dealing with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) issues, persons should either contact the USDA SNAP Hotline Number at (800)221-5689, which is also in Spanish or call the State Information/Hotline Numbers (click the link for a listing of hotline number by State); found online at: http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/contact info/hotlines.htm

To file a complaint of discrimination regarding a program receiving Federal financial assistance through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), write: HHS Director, Office for Civil Rights, Room 515-F, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201 or call (202)619-0403 (voice) or (800)537-7697 (TTY).

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All complaints must be submitted to School Superintendent. All complaints will be immediately logged and transcribed. The complaint will then be forwarded to the U.S. Department of Agriculture/California Department of Education.