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LATEST LEGAL SERVICES NEWSLETTER FOCUSES ON SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMS AND SCHOOL BULLYING

EDISON - Details for low- and moderate-income New Jerseyans about eligibility and other aspects of school breakfast and lunch programs available to all students are provided in the latest newsletter of Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ).

The bilingual publication, Looking Out For Your Legal Rights, may be viewed online at www.lsnjlaw.org and also is available at all Legal Services offices in New Jersey.

Also in the September newsletter issue are facts about New Jersey's anti-bullying law that requires schools to report, investigate and respond to alleged acts of bullying, including cyberbullying. Additionally, there is a focus on various options available to spouses, who agree to file joint tax returns that ultimately are found to contain errors made by the other spouse or former spouse. Further, there is information about LSNJ's Clearing Your Record Online service designed to help people expunge their criminal and juvenile records.

Meals in the schools are available to all students but low-and moderate-income youngsters qualify for free or reduced prices. The maximum charge for reduced price meals is 30 cents for breakfast and 40 cents for lunch. The newsletter spells out eligibility guidelines and How parents can apply. Migrant children and those in families already receiving food stamps and other assistance programs automatically are eligible for free meals.

The newsletter lays out what constitutes school bullying and details the rights of parents and their children involved in alleged bullying incidents, as well as what school officials must Do when investigating the situations.

Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ), located in Edison, heads the state's Legal Services system, a network of five independent non-profit corporations and has been providing free essential legal aid in civil matters to low-income people through offices in all 21 counties for more than 50 years. Since its inception, LSNJ has provided representation in more than 2.4 million cases.

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