

# SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES AGENCY

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To Whom It May Concern:

Per your request, below is a short summary regarding the legal standing of the Santa Clarita Valley School Food Services Agency (JPA).

The Santa Clarita Valley School Food Services Agency (SCVSFSA) is a public school organization recognized by the California State authorities as a Local Educational Agency (LEA), authorized by the CA legislation SB 678 (Davis) on February 1989. This legislation amended section 41980 (b) of the CA Education Code and established that, *"Any separate joint powers entity formed pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 6500 ) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code that has as its sole function the provision of school food services may, subject to prior approval by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, be designated a single school district for purposes of receiving state apportionments or allowances in support of those services or programs. Those school food apportionments or allowances shall be allocated to a separate joint powers entity under this section in any fiscal year only to the extent that the governing board of the school district or districts that would otherwise receive those state apportionments or allowances expressly approves that allocation under a resolution adopted on or before June 30 preceding that fiscal year."*

As a public school organization, we do not fall under the IRS 501(c)(3) category. The IRS makes no provision for the issuance of exemption letters to institutionalities of the state of municipal government, as Section 115 of the code excludes their income from the definition of gross income. Our institution is eligible to receive charitable contributions as SCVSFSA is a nonprofit school district that is a subdivision of the state or local governmental entity and is therefore tax exempt. Our Agency's sole purpose is serving federal and state funded child nutrition program meals to the students of our four JPA member school districts: Castaic, Newhall, Saugus and Sulphur Springs.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,



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