

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The goal of the Bethlehem Area School District's breakfast and lunch program is to provide healthy meals to children during the school day. In order to serve healthy, high quality meals to all children, we must make sure that we are financially secure. You play a key role in this effort, and are responsible for purchases made by your child in our school cafeteria.

As per Federal Government Regulations, The Bethlehem Area School District Board of Education has approved policy # 808.1, "Food Service Meal Charges". This policy can be found on the District website under the District > Board tab.

The following are the new guidelines regarding student meals for the 2017-2018 school year.

#### Elementary Students (Grades K-5)

Students who have unpaid meal charges will be permitted to charge up to three lunch menu meals. If the student still does not have funds for lunch, the student will be provided an alternate reimbursable meal, the cost of which will also be charged to their account balance. The bill will remain part of the students account and will carry from school year to school year until graduation.

#### Middle/High School Students (Grades 6 – 12)

Students will be allowed to charge one meal. The bill will remain part of the students account and will carry from school year to school year until graduation. The student will be responsible for the full amount of the bill prior to graduation, or will not be permitted to participate in graduation ceremonies.

Charging is not permitted for breakfast or a la carte items at any grade level.

A repayment plan is available to assist families upon request.

Failure to pay any outstanding balances will result in your account being forwarded to a collection agency. Parent/guardians are responsible for all costs associated with collection activity.

If you have any questions, you may contact the Dining Services Office at 610-861-8135.

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