

August 20, 2021

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

Welcome Back to School!

The Wayne Schools' Nutrition/Foodservice Team is excited to have everyone back in school beginning on September 9, 2021. **Wayne Public Schools has been approved to offer every student one free breakfast and one free lunch each day they are in school from the first day of school until June 22, 2022.** The meals offered will be safely packaged for fast distribution. Each breakfast and lunch served will have the required components of a complete meal as per the School Breakfast Program and the National School Lunch Program.

The grab and go breakfast bags will be available to the students before school starts each day in each school cafeteria. Breakfast Bags will be offered after the start of school in study halls and when needed as per the school nurse/ principal.

The packaged lunches will be available for every student during the school lunch periods in the cafeteria. The school lunch menus are posted online on your school's website when clicking on the knife and fork-right side.

A la carte food and beverages along with our previous and new menu options will be phased back into service when it is decided it will be safe to do so.

We will continue our safety foodservice plan that follows the local, state, and federal guidelines. This plan has served the students and community well this past year and will be continued as needed for Food and Physical Safety measures:

**Team Member Health** – Staff members will regularly report on their health each day.

**Hand Washing** – This has always been the case, staff members will continue to wash hands frequently.

**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)** – Our foodservice team will wear masks and gloves when preparing food and interacting with our students.

**Flexible Menu Choices** – Whether our students are eating meals in the cafeteria, in the classroom or taking meals home, we've reformatted our menus and selections that have been high quality, well received and safe.

**Food Safety** –Self-serve options and self-service stations are not offered at this point. The packaged and individually wrapped items will be continued as needed.

**Cleaning, Sanitizing and Disinfecting** – the Eco Sure cleaning procedures with Smart Power Disinfectant will be used for cleaning contact surfaces and high traffic areas frequently that has been proven effective against viruses.

**Social Distancing Measures** – When preparing the kitchen or serving in our cafeteria, we will operate with the Six Foot Kitchen training that promotes social distancing. We'll also be working closely with the schools to recognize and correct potential safety opportunities.

The Foodservice Point of Sale systems will not be used at the start of the school year. When we offer the a la carte products with service stations, we will reintroduce them safely and the electronic register systems will be opened again.

The weekly meal pack distribution each Wednesday will be discontinued after September 8, 2021- as per the state program. The free meals offered in school are no longer pre-ordered online or require a sign up form to be completed. We plan on feeding any student that wants one when they come to the cafeteria serving line.

Your top notch kitchen teams are excited to get back to what we do for all the students we serve in Wayne. Our focus will not waver when it comes to providing a safe foodservice program for the school communities. We will continue making the necessary adjustments to ensure just that. We are thankful for your trust as we continue through the challenges of the on-going health and wellness concerns together.

If you have any questions or need further clarification on anything regarding the foodservice program in Wayne Township Public Schools. You can contact me at [Michael.Schmitt@sodexo.com](mailto:Michael.Schmitt@sodexo.com) or call the Foodservice office at (973)317-2239.

Best Regards,

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