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Parents and Guardians

Re: Lunch Program for 2021/2022 School Year

Hopefully everyone has enjoyed the summer and is getting ready to return to school on August 30, 2021.

The district will be participating in the State of New Jersey - National School Lunch Program – SSO (Seamless Summer Option) Program for the 2021/2022 school year.

The SSO Program will allow the district to offer and provide every Full Day Kindergarten student and the students in grade 1 through grade 8 a “standard” lunch every day at no cost to the student. The district will be reimbursed for every meal served through the National School Lunch Program.

The components of a “standard” lunch are as follows:

- 1 Drink – choice of 1% milk or 1% chocolate milk
- 1 Meat or Meat Alternative (protein)
- 1 Vegetable
- 1 Fruit
- 1 Bread or Grain

At least 3 of the 5 components must be taken for the meal to qualify for a “standard” lunch and one of the items **MUST** be a **vegetable** or a **fruit**.

For Full Day K and students in grades 1 through 3:

A bagged lunch will be offered and served to all students. Lunch **MUST BE PRE-ORDERED** each day. Provided that the student orders and takes all the required components that qualify for the “standard” lunch, their cafeteria account will not be charged the meal.

Grades 4 through 8:

The cafeterias in both schools will be open and the students will have the option to select their lunch as they have done in the past. Provided that the student takes all the required components that qualify for the “standard” lunch, their cafeteria account will not be charged the meal.

Grades 9 through 12:

The high school does not participate in the National School Lunch Program. The students will be charged for all purchases made in the cafeteria.

The students will be charged for any snacks purchased, any ala carte items selected and if a “standard” lunch is not selected.

If you have any questions please contact Bob McBreen at rmbreen@chatham-nj.org or me.

All the best for the upcoming school year.

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