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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Supported by funding from the federal government, all students throughout the 2021-22 school year shall be able to obtain both a [free breakfast and lunch meal](#) each school day the cafeteria is open.

Please be aware there are [USDA standards in order to make the meals free](#), such as meals being required to contain 3 of the below 5 food groups. For lunch, a fruit or a vegetable can be chosen to qualify. Components per USDA standards are as follows:

- Grains (required for breakfast),
- Fruit (required for breakfast),
- Vegetable,
- Meat or Meat Alternative, and
- Milk.

The district is packaging meals in such a way to optimize the [free nature of breakfast and lunch](#). Breakfast is prepacked to include these mandated components and is a grab-and-go style upon entry to the building. For lunch service, cafeteria managers do their best to have students take all necessary components to obtain a free lunch. As lunch service is progressing into the fall, the district is starting to offer more a la carte options beyond the above free meal. Snacks as defined by USDA standards include bottled water, cookies, ice cream, extra entrees, among other items. Snacks and a la carte items shall still be charged to student accounts in accordance with district policies and USDA requirements. As such, please be aware of prices for said items as detailed below and on [each school's lunch website](#):

Readington Middle School Price List – [Click Here](#)

Holland Brook School Price List – [Click Here](#)

Three Bridges School Price List – [Click Here](#)

Whitehouse School Price List – [Click Here](#)

As always, we are here to help! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Katie DeRiso (ext. 2895, [kderiso@readington.k12.nj.us](mailto:kderiso@readington.k12.nj.us)) or myself (ext. 2885, [jbohm@readington.k12.nj.us](mailto:jbohm@readington.k12.nj.us)) including for [financial assistance](#). There is also a [helpful FAQ on food service available here](#).

Sincerely,

Jason M. Bohm