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Dear Parents,

Aramark Student Nutrition is proud to begin another year of service to the students at Bernard's Township School District! Our food service staff is looking forward to serving your children nutritious, great-tasting menus that support their achievements in school and promote healthy lifestyles. It is our commitment to create healthier environments and communities, by providing comprehensive nutrition and wellness education.

Our district provides students with an "Offer vs Serve" program in which students can enjoy the flexibility of being able to select from a wide variety of options. K-8 students also have the option of purchasing a "School Lunch." The components align with the standards of the National School Lunch Program. Also consistent with the standards of the National School Lunch Program, Offer vs Serve allows students to decline some of the food offered in a lunch. The goals of Offer vs Serve are to reduce food waste and to permit students to choose the foods they want to eat. Students must choose at least one fruit or vegetable and two other components to qualify. Students have the option to select a milk or juice as one of the components. Juice can count as a fruit component. In addition, an 8oz bottled water may be selected as a beverage. If the qualifying components are not selected, a la carte pricing will apply. Please find attached the "How to Build A Lunch" tool that is color coded. Students will find these colors posted on each service line. Our staff will be working with the district's K-8 educators to ensure that students understand how to build their own lunch. If you would like your child to be able to purchase a "School Lunch" only, please notify the cafeteria manager at your child's school and note can be posted to your students account in our POS (Point of Sale) system. The cost of a "School Lunch" in grades K-5 is \$2.60, and for William Annin students, the cost is \$2.75. Low-fat milk will be sold for \$.75, bottled water for \$1.00.

Our district utilizes a computerized POS (Point of Sale) system in the cafeterias. Elementary students identify themselves to the system using a four-digit ID number which will be assigned to new students in September. Middle and High School students use their six-digit student numbers. Student photos will be attached to their accounts for enhanced security. Payments to your K-5 students account may be made sending cash or check in an envelope marked with your child's name and classroom teacher. Please note your child's name on any payments made by check. Elementary students are encouraged to turn in payments to their teachers in the morning. Middle school students may place their payments in either the cafe lockbox or at any cash register. Deposits to RHS student accounts may also be made at any cash register. While cash is still accepted in all our cafeterias, we hope that you will



take advantage of our debit system, because reducing the amount of cash handling in our lunch lines keeps the lines moving rapidly. We strongly encourage all parents to make online payments through either the myschoolbucks app or on myschoolbucks.com. MySchoolBucks is the service provider of our cafeteria Point-of-Sale system. Their service provides parents the ability to view and print their child's account activity. This history report will list all dates and times during which a student has made a purchase within the last 30 days.

To access MySchoolBucks:

1. Open the app or webpage.
2. Create your account with the child's name, student ID and school zip code.
3. You will then be able to add funds or run reports on your child's account.

For your consideration:

1. If you have more than one child in the district, you can handle all online payments from the same online account.
2. Payments can be made through your PayPal account or with any major credit/debit card.
3. To use the online prepayment service, a small convenience fee for each transaction will be assessed to cover bank fees. The convenience fee is \$2.95 per deposit transaction. Parents placing money into multiple meal will only be assessed the \$2.95 fee once per deposit transaction. Bernard's Township Public School will not profit from the use of this site.
4. Account balances will follow your child through his or her years in the district. Balances are rolled over year to year and move to middle and high schools. Upon leaving the district, any remaining balance may be transferred to a sibling, or a refund may be requested. This refund must be done in writing via email. Student data rollover occurs in early September, just before classes begin.
5. Should you choose to not take advantage of these services, you may continue to make payments via cash or check. Checks should be made payable to Bernard's Township BOE Food Service. Please be sure to write your child's full name on the check.



We want you to know that recipes have been modified to reduce fats, salt, and sugar. We will also be offering some different foods that your children may have not tried before, please encourage your child to try these items. They may just become a new favorite! We will continue to offer gluten free products in all schools. Please contact your school nurse and me for any allergy concerns.

We are proud to serve nutritious foods to your child and encourage you to support our ongoing efforts to improve student health and well-being by participating in our Food Service program. Each school's monthly menu and nutritional information can be found at: <https://bernardsboe.nutrislice.com/>.

We hope that you and your child have a great year! Please feel free to contact me at jbaer@bernardsboe.com with any questions or concerns.

Thank you

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