

## COVID-19 Response Lunch Program Changes

- 1. Meal Service will be cashless during this time of COVID-19.** In an effort to reduce contact, **we will not accept cash or checks as a form of payment for participation in the meal program.** During this time of COVID-19, we will only accept pre-payments made via SPS EzPay. We understand that this is not ideal for all families, however, with the goal of reducing contact, we feel that this is the best and safest way to handle payments for meals at this time. After registering for a EzPay account, you will need to enter in your students name and student ID# to register each child. Lunch prices remain the same as last year, Grades 4-12 - \$3.25 per lunch. Grades K-3 - \$3.00 per lunch. Breakfast - \$1.75 for all schools. Parents will also have the option to prepay via check, which will be accepted once a week on Fridays at each building's Welcome Center. To allow time for checks to quarantine, prepayments made via check will be loaded on students' accounts and ready for use by the second business day following that Friday.
- 2. Meals will be served in the classroom.** This year due to COVID-19, in order to keep student contact to a minimum, Twinsburg Food Service will deliver breakfast and lunch to the classroom each day. Each school will have two breakfast and lunch options daily. Breakfast A and Lunch A options will always be served in a brightly colored graphic lunch bag. Breakfast B and Lunch B options will always be served in a plain white lunch bag. **Meal counts will be taken the day before to ensure that meal service is quick and accurate.** Missed school the day before and did not order a meal? No problem. Your teacher will just call down to the cafeteria and place an order for that day, which we will promptly deliver. Because of the young age of all of our kindergarten and first grade students, all parents at those grade levels will be directed by their child's teacher as to how they can take advantage of our special Parent RSVP Meal Ordering System created to help parents select student meal purchases weekly. Likewise, an online ordering system is established for our students in grades 9 – 1
- 3. Automatic Meal Program.** All students (K-6) that qualify for free or reduced meals will be enrolled in our "Automatic Meal Program". What this means is we will automatically prepare and send a breakfast and lunch daily to your qualifying children's room. If a student who is part of the "Automatic Meal Program" does not order anything specific for that day, then they will automatically receive our B Breakfast and B Lunch (meatless) option. If you are approved to receive free or reduced priced meals and **do not wish to participate in the "Automatic Meal Program"**, but wish to get meals only when your child orders, then please email Mark Bindus at [mbindus@twinsburgcsd.org](mailto:mbindus@twinsburgcsd.org) to let him know.
- 4. Food Safety** will remain our number one concern when we prepare meals for the students of the Twinsburg City School District. All of our staff is trained annually on

food safety. Additionally, each one of our Managers in each one of our buildings is ServSafe Certified. This year with COVID-19, we have become even more aggressive with food safety and sanitation. This year we will only use pre-packaged fresh fruits and vegetables to ensure that food handling is kept to a minimum. All condiments, desserts and utensils will also be pre-packaged for your students' safety. Our goal is always to serve your student the most nutritious and safest breakfasts and lunches possible.

5. **Food Quality** has been and always will be important. Our Registered Dietitian, Mark Bindus, plans our menus to ensure that not only are the foods we serve safe, but nutritious and tasty. Our menus are planned to exceed current Federal Standards and be appealing and tasty for your students. Each day we will offer fresh fruits and vegetables as well as our homemade pizza and Cheesy Bread with dipping sauce daily as a meatless option.