



## Bethany Public School District

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Dear BCS Families and Staff,

This letter shares **important information** regarding the BCS food service program.

**The state funding allocated to Bethany Public School District to serve free lunch to all students, regardless of family income, will soon be expended. When those funds are depleted, the District will continue to offer free lunch to all students until Friday, December 23, 2022, using excess funds in the food service account. Starting Tuesday, January 3, 2023, the District must begin charging again. The cost for lunch will be:**

**Full Pay - \$3.30**

**Reduced-Price - \$0.40**

### **Free and Reduced-Price Meals and SNAP Information**

The District is committed to ensuring that those who need free lunch at school continue to receive it, therefore we encourage eligible families to complete and submit a short, confidential school meal application. Meal applications can be printed from the district website. They can also be requested from the BCS Main Office, or the BOE Office. For more information on the Free and Reduced Meal Program, visit the [District website](#) under Family Resources. Click on Food Service Program > Free & Reduced Meal Program & Resources.

If your student qualifies for free school meals, your family may also qualify for SNAP. On October 1, 2022, Connecticut increased SNAP eligibility and benefits. Refer to [Addendum C](#) to see if you qualify under the new eligibility guidelines.

### **MyPaymentsPlus (MPP)**

To ensure there are funds in your student's cafeteria account to cover the cost of lunch and a la carte purchases, parents/guardians are encouraged to use MPP. If your student is new to the school, parents/guardians will need to [set up an account](#) on MPP using the student's 4-digit ID number. If you do not know this number, please contact the BCS Main Office at (203) 393-3350. Once an account is set up and the student is added, the [MPP Meal Payment Guide](#) shows how easy it is to add funds to the student's cafeteria account. For your convenience, you may download the [MPP app](#) to set up a new account, log into an existing account, and make payments.

## District Food Service Charging Policy

In order to sustain the food service program, the District cannot permit the excessive charging of student meals. The Food Service Charging [Policy](#) and [Administrative Regulation](#) provide more information.

## Nutrislice

Our monthly interactive lunch menu powered by [Nutrislice](#) provides the daily lunch choices. You may sign up for an account using the [Nutrislice app](#) where you can view menu options and nutritional information quickly and easily. You may also sign up to have the monthly menu emailed to you.

If you have questions or need more information about the food service program or free and reduced-price lunch, please contact Donna Ricciardi at (203) 393-1170 or [dricciardi@bethany-ed.org](mailto:dricciardi@bethany-ed.org).

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
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