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SAYVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
FOOD & NUTRITION DEPARTMENT

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February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**MySchoolBucks Fee Adjustment**

Recently our department was given notice by MySchoolBucks that the fees paid by parents to add money to their students' lunch accounts will be changing back to a fixed cost for each transaction. As per a recent letter from MySchoolBucks, "...Due to rising payment processing interchange fees and continued increases in operational costs, we're updating the MySchoolBucks program fee that parents and guardians pay at checkout to \$3.25 for all cafeteria credit/debit card prepayments ...". The "program fee for electronic check payments will increase to \$2.75" per transaction. This fixed cost will replace the current rate of 4.95% charge per transaction.

**These changes are to take effect for all students on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

Some families may find their overall cost decreasing vs. increasing, depending on the amounts deposited. However, we wish to remind all Sayville families that if you wish to avoid any of these fees, you may still opt to send payment via cash and/or check to your child's school cafeteria. You can also drop off or mail a check directly to the Food & Nutrition Department in the Administration building located at 99 Greeley Avenue, Sayville, NY 11782.

**(Please remember to include your child's name(s) and ID# along with the desired \$ breakdown between siblings on the check and/or envelope, especially when providing payment in cash.)**

For additional knowledge, we are looking into other point of sale systems with the hope of finding one that is easier, more efficient, and/or more cost-friendly for our Sayville community.

If you need further assistance or have any other questions with regards to the above, please feel free to contact the Department of Food & Nutrition at (631) 244-6555.

Thank you and be well,

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