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Dear MSAD#35 Schools Students, Parents, Guardians and School Community:

The new school year is upon us and we want to extend a warm welcome, and let you know that **Chartwells School Dining Services in partnership with MSAD#35** have some exciting plans for your school meals programs. We have a great staff in place, including existing local team members, to bring experience, excitement and quality to the program. Our mission is to ensure that we serve healthy, well-balanced, nutritious meals that our customers enjoy.

Chartwells brings fresh ideas and innovative concepts to school dining services. We realize that mealtime needs to be fun and delicious, built around the kind of high-quality foods and fresh ingredients designed to energize and satisfy students who are on-the-go. Together with balanced, delicious meals, we offer an exciting range of educational tools that help students make wise, informed decisions. You will see gradual changes with the menu, choices, and food presentation at all schools. We will be working with administrators, students, and parents to gain insight to how we can enhance our services.

We understand that although change is good, it is not without challenges and we will do our best to address any questions and concerns as they arise. Here is some helpful information:

Meal Prices:

LUNCH:

Elementary	\$ 3.00
Middle School	\$ 3.00
High School	\$ 3.00
Reduced Lunch (all schools)	\$.40
Adult Lunch	\$ 5.00 (inc. tax)

BREAKFAST:

Elementary	\$2.50
Secondary	\$2.50
Reduced Breakfast (all)	\$.00

8 oz. Milk is available with all meals, or may be purchased for \$.40 A la Carte (If a student qualifies from free lunch milk is only available at no cost with the complete meal).

Menus by Nutrislice™! - Please see attached flyer about an exciting new menu format that provides MSAD#35 students and parents nutrient, allergen, and ingredient information; available on the district website or through a Smartphone app!

The link to the menus will be available from the School Dining and Nutrition page of the MSAD#35 website <http://www.rsu35.org/school-nutrition/>

Payment Options The most convenient option, and also quickest for students in the lunchroom, is to pre-pay and have money on account. You can pre-pay on-line at MySchoolBucks.com, with cash or checks made payable to MSAD#35 Food Service. Checks should include student first and last name(s) and student ID#(s). Cash payments are also accepted during lunch service but for speed of service to students we recommend pre-pay option so students have more time to enjoy their meal period. For additional information and FAQs, go to: <http://www.rsu35.org/school-nutrition/>

Free and Reduced Application for School Meals

(Marshwood High School will be participating in the School meals program this year)

We also encourage **all parents/guardians** to complete and Application for Free or Reduced meals whether you believe your child is eligible or not. Just by completing the process you will be helping MSAD#35 Schools with needed funding for the community and insuring all children and young adults are provided healthy well balanced meals to energize their minds for learning. We will be raffling off prizes for completed applications. Prizes may include: **T-shirts, Gift Cards, Kindles and more.** Please help your Child and school get off to a great start this September. To complete the application please go to: <http://www.rsu35.org/school-nutrition/>

Your foodservice director

Stephen Baldoumas comes to the districts with a life-long career and passion for food. His experience includes almost over 17 years owning his own restaurant, as well as a 14 years corporate dining Services background and experience with Private School Dining. He brings enthusiasm and a can-do mindset to the program. Stephen is anxious to meet his customers, and be an integral part of the community!

Elementary Program

For the elementary students, we will be following an adventure of fun and nutrition education with the help of the **Eat, Learn, Live Characters - Theodore, Sydney, & Ava** - watch for Theodore, Sydney & Ava and friends on menus and signs in cafeterias- they are our nutrition ambassadors!!!! You will also notice whole grain and fresh fruits and vegetables being offered more frequently.



Marshwood Middle and High School Program (High School will be participating in the School meals program this year)

We know that secondary school students love lunch for the sociability first, and the food second. Our level of service prioritizes speed of service, offering foods that are seen as sophisticated, yet easy to eat. Building on their interests, we've created core stations in an open and inviting setting that conveys energy and excitement.



Other Information:

To learn more about Chartwells, visit our website at www.eatlearnlive.com

We look forward to our partnership with the MSAD#35 Public Schools, to provide a great program to the students and staff, and to become a member of your community.

Please feel free to contact us at (207) 384-4506 x1135, or stephen.baldoumas@rsu35.org

Sincerely,

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