

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

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IMPORTANT 2022-2023 SCHOOL MEALS UPDATE

August 12, 2022

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Since the Spring of 2020, school districts were able to serve free meals to <u>all</u> students. As of June 30, 2022, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) school waivers have expired. The Seamless Summer Option (SSO), which allows school districts to offer free meals to all students, is no longer applicable. Beginning in the 2022-23 school year, students will once again be charged for meals at the time of purchase.

Free or reduced-price meals are still available to students that qualify. If you are unsure if you may qualify, we strongly encourage you to complete an application. Students will bring home Free and Reduced Meal Applications on the first day of school; however, we strongly encourage to apply online at www.schoolcafe.com.

Big Spring uses the software service of My School Bucks for food service payments. More information on My School Bucks can be found at https://www.bigspringsd.org/domain/77.

Big Spring meal prices are as follows:

Breakfast – All Students

Paid \$1.55 Reduced (based on approval) \$0.30

<u>Lunch - Elementary</u>

Paid \$2.85 Reduced (based on approval) \$0.40

Lunch - Secondary

Paid \$3.00 Reduced (based on approval) \$0.40

Parents/Guardians with questions regarding the Free and Reduced Price Meal applications process should contact Jess Winesickle at 717-776-2446 or jwinesickle@bigspring.k12.pa.us.

Parents/Guardians with questions regarding My School Bucks should contact Shelli Kent at 717-776-2408 or skent@bigspring.k12.pa.us.

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at: https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf, from any USDA office, by calling 866-632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. **mail:**

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

2. **fax:**

833-256-1665 or 202-690-7442; or

email:

program.intake@usda.gov

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