



September 1, 2020

**USDA Update:**

***\*\*Recent federal and state decisions now allow the District to temporarily serve free meals to all students until December 31, 2020. This decision is subject to change at the federal government's discretion. The District still requires that households' complete applications for free and reduced meals as usual and return them as soon as possible. Meals will be provided at no cost. They will be distributed in school for in-person students. The District will also provide meals for remote students as well. Meals are available to every child under the age of 18 years old. For information to register for free and reduced meals can be found at <https://www.bcsdny.org/Page/55> \*\****

## School Dining

Keeping students safe while eating with us is our #1 priority. We are constantly working closely alongside BCSD to prepare and evolve our dining operations to respond to changing needs. Our key areas of focus will be to:

- Introduce more classroom dining; this will help avoid crowds in the cafeteria, when possible
- Use disposable food service items; if non-disposable items are used, they will be handled with gloves and washed with dish soap and hot water, or in a dishwasher
- Offer pre-packaged boxes or bags; this will help avoid sharing food and utensils
- Close or minimize communal spaces; otherwise, keep physical distance of at least 6 feet apart, add physical barriers such as plastic flexible screens if needed, and stagger use of these spaces, while cleaning and disinfecting between use

### **Children will have access to school meals, regardless of the school's reopening plan for the 2020-2021 school year – whether at school or in-home learning.**

Regardless of the school's reopening plan, school facilities will be open to allow families to pick-up Breakfast and Lunch meals during lunch periods. Please see attached chart for directions.

- Water and additional a la carte items may be purchased at an additional cost from student. We ask that funds be added to child's myschoolbucks account to eliminate cash transactions. Funds can be added at [www.MySchoolBucks.com](http://www.MySchoolBucks.com)

### **Dining options for the start of the school year, for breakfast and lunch.**

To help ensure the safety of our students, we have modified our service style to reflect the school's reopening plan. We have made changes with equipment and labor, as well as adapted our menus and packaging to align with each service style.

- Breakfast: Elementary Meals will be served in classroom unless your school confirmed café dining. Middle and High School will be cafeteria pick up.



- Lunch: Elementary Meals will be served in classroom unless your school confirmed café dining. Middle and High School will be cafeteria pick up.

**Aramark ensures our cafeteria employees are taking measures to keep a safe and clean environment for you children. These are just a few examples of what we are doing.**

- Aramark Covid-19 training and tools include a robust re-opening plan that all managers must review with their employees. This includes instructions on cleaning procedures and products, social distancing guidance, workplace hygiene, personal protective equipment, and employee health checks.
- Cleanliness and food safety are a priority for our cafeteria staff. They are trained weekly on following proper safety practices, while implementing increased measures unique to Covid-19. The school cleaning staff is continuously cleaning and disinfecting community spaces. They are trained on appropriate use of cleaning and disinfection chemicals and provided with the personal protective equipment (PPE) required.

If you should need any further information or have issues picking up meals, please feel free to email us at addresses listed below.

We look forward to safe and healthy upcoming school year.

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**\*\*\*Please order Remote Learning Hybrid & 100% Remote Learning at either\*\*\***

[foodservice@bcsdny.org](mailto:foodservice@bcsdny.org) or

914-241-6038

Grade:	In Building Learning Hybrid	Remote Learning Hybrid
K-2nd	Meals will be ordered everyday via teacher	See 100% Remote Box
3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Group 1	Meals will be ordered in building via teacher. Meals will be delivered to classrooms	Meal pickup every Thursday 10:30am-12:30pm at  <b>Pound Ridge Elementary</b> (7 Pound Ridge Rd, Pound Ridge NY 10576) <b>Mount Kisco Elementary</b> (47 W. Hyatt Ave, Mt. Kisco NY 10549) <b>Bedford Hills Elementary</b> (123 Babbitt Rd, Bedford Hills NY 10507)
3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Group 2	Meals will be ordered in building via teacher. Meals will be delivered to classrooms	Meal pickup every Monday 10:30am-12:30pm at  <b>Pound Ridge Elementary</b> (7 Pound Ridge Rd, Pound Ridge NY 10576) <b>Mount Kisco Elementary</b> (47 W. Hyatt Ave, Mt. Kisco NY 10549) <b>Bedford Hills Elementary</b> (123 Babbitt Rd, Bedford Hills NY 10507)
100% remote Learning K-5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	N/A	Pick up Monday & Thursday every week from 10:30am-12:30pm at these locations  <b>Pound Ridge Elementary</b> (7 Pound Ridge Rd, Pound Ridge NY 10576) <b>Mount Kisco Elementary</b> (47 W. Hyatt Ave, Mt. Kisco NY 10549) <b>Bedford Hills Elementary</b> (123 Babbitt Rd, Bedford Hills NY 10507)