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Dear Georgetown Families,

I understand that there are a lot of questions about school lunch and how food service will look this year in Georgetown. We are dedicated to providing healthy appealing foods in line with national nutrition guidelines and School Nutrition Association. The food service team works tirelessly providing what students ask for and trying new items all whilst meeting mandated nutrition parameters. I have outlined what we can basically expect in the remote and hybrid models for school lunch to hopefully answer some questions.

Meals provided by GPS during the remote learning period will be reflective of the offerings we provided from March-June last year. Our breakfast and lunch meals included all necessary components to meet state and government nutritional guidelines for healthy eating and the school nutrition association. Breakfast will consist of Milk, yogurt and fruit, either cereal or bagel and cream cheese. We will incorporate as much variety we can to keep things interesting and yummy. Lunch will consist of milk, fruit, chips, string cheese and a sandwich. We are looking at different sandwich options currently. We will also be accommodating all food allergies we have on file with the GPS Nursing staff and nutrition office.

The hybrid model will closely resemble what the students are accustomed to pre-Covid 19. Food will be served in closed foam containers with disposable utensils and there will be no grab and go items or vending per mandate. Bagged breakfast will be offered daily for students to take to their classroom. These breakfast bags will have milk, yogurt, fruit and cereal or other grain.

Lunches offered will allow us to prepare hot meals as well as sandwich and salad options students have been enjoying for the past several years. Our goal is to provide meals the students want to eat and are appealing to their preferences. As always our meals will meet the requirements of the national school lunch program. We will happily accommodate any dietary allergies or restrictions we have on file.

I am happy to say that the USDA has made a decision that everybody under the age of 18 can participate in free breakfasts and lunches to start the year. Information is still being released bit by bit, info from DESE sent 9/3/2020 can be read below.

“On Monday August 31, 2020, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the extension of several flexibilities into the fall, and as late as December 31, 2020. The flexibilities allow both school district and community summer meal program operators to continue serving free meals to all kids and teens via the National School Lunch Program’s Seamless Summer Option (SSO) and the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).”

If/when this free program ends breakfast and lunch will go back to being paid. As always we prefer payments to be made via MySchoolBucks instead of cash or check at point of sale. If your family does not use MySchoolBucks please look into signing up at [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com). I urge all families to fill out a Free and Reduced application that can be found on the school website in the food services tab.

Please reach out directly with further questions to [rileys@georgetown.k12.ma.us](mailto:rileys@georgetown.k12.ma.us) or [brousseau@georgetown.k12.ma.us](mailto:brousseau@georgetown.k12.ma.us)

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