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The Birmingham Public Schools food service program is mandated by the Board of Education to be a self-supporting program. It is the intent of all the staff who manage this program to keep that status intact and be of no impact to the General Fund balance or any other budgets of the district.

Over the past seven years Birmingham Public Schools food service has been on a consistent path to improve the healthy qualities of the meals that are served. BPS Food Service has been *well ahead of the country* in changing over to the current USDA healthy breakfast and lunch guidelines.

In an effort to keep pace with the prices of food and supplies required to operate the food service program, Birmingham Public Schools is introducing a 25¢ increase in the price of a school lunch. Breakfast (where available) prices will also be increasing by 25¢

- Elementary school lunch prices will be \$3.00.....ES adult lunch \$3.74 with tax
- Middle School and High School lunch prices will be \$3.25.....MS / HS adult lunch \$4.01 with tax
- All Free and Reduced meals would remain priced as they are. The current reduced price meals breakfast and lunch are 30¢ and 40¢.

For the 2016/2017 school year, we are introducing specialty lunches at both High School locations to provide students with an alternative to leaving campus for lunch during the day. These meals will feature chef created, distinctive, personalized, local favorite, and fresh, new ingredients. These meals will offer greater flexibility and customizable meals for our students. Specialty meals will be available daily at the Deli, *Create!*, and International food stations. Specialty meal prices will be capped at \$4.25 (adult lunch 5.07 with tax). This pricing will not affect any free and reduced pricing.

ALL meals, specialty or not, will always be available to free and reduced participating students.

Birmingham Public Schools and our partner Chartwells School Dining invite you to come and see what your school cafeteria has to offer – Please come in and have lunch with your student! Our food service department website ([www.Birmingham.k12.mi.us](http://www.Birmingham.k12.mi.us) -> Departments -> Food Service) has a great deal of information available, Full menus by school, information on our catering services, direct links to Meal Magic (lunch money accounts), and more! We are also on Facebook as: Birmingham Public Schools Food Service and Twitter as: @BPSFoodService.

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