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Dear Parents:

On July 15 the BISD School Board approved changes to the 2019-20 Child Nutrition Department meal charge policy. The new policy states:

Students may charge meals up to the value of three breakfasts and three lunches. An automated phone call occurs when a negative balance appears on a student's account. If a student account exhausts the grace period/charge limit, the student must select a meal with a cheese sandwich entrée for lunch and/or a graham cracker entrée for breakfast until the negative balance is paid. A La Carte items are not available for charging.

This policy was adopted to prevent students from accruing large negative balances by lowering the grace period from a value of 10 breakfasts and lunches to the value of 3 breakfasts and lunches for paid or reduced status accounts. Because negative balances will carry over from last year, all students will be offered the full range of entrée items for the first 3 days of school; however, beginning on Monday, August 19 anyone whose paid or reduced account balance meets or exceeds the charge limit will be directed to the alternate meal with the required entrees.

We encourage you to check your child's account balance and add funds to make the balance positive. If you would like assistance to provide meals for your child(ren), please complete a household application for free/reduced meals which can be found online at tinyurl.com/yaobx5q3. If your household qualifies for meal assistance, that assistance will begin immediately upon processing the application.

Additionally, students with smartphones are encouraged to install the EZSchoolPay APP on their phone to "see" their account balance before entering the serving line. Also, a balance kiosk will be accessible in the cafeteria at BHS and BJHS during meal service time for students to look up their current balance. This will enable students to make the appropriate meal and item selections, fitting with their balance, while in the line.

Sincerely,
Sandra Baxter, Child Nutrition Director

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