



September 2020

Aramark K-12 Dining Food Service
Putnam Valley Central School District

Dear Putnam Valley Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome your student(s) back to Aramark Dining Services for the 2020-2021 school year. During these unprecedented times we want you to know that keeping your students safe while eating with us is our #1 priority.

With the weeks quickly passing, we have been busy working alongside Dr. Luft and the District Administration to determine what is the safest dining solution and option(s) to offer students when they come back to school. 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. Some schools will have Breakfast and Lunch in the Classroom, some will have Grab and Go options for speed of service and those opting for Distance Learning will have Curbside pick-up.

We want to ensure that every student is fed throughout the school year. As of August 31, the USDA and New York State Child Nutrition Program announced that all children are eligible for free meals, regardless of eligibility through December 31, 2020. This however, does not include snacks or a la carte items.

For families who believe they may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals, please still complete the application to ensure continued eligibility after December 31. **Applications must be submitted each school year.** One application per family. It's easy – eligible families can apply directly through the school district website. <http://pvcsd.org/index.php/district/parent-resources/school-lunch-info/>

Please complete the surveys that have been emailed. These surveys will help us plan meals to be prepared for all of our children. Whether your child is a remote learner, 5 day per week in school or 2 days in and 3 days remote, we are here for you.

Please make sure to check your child's balance prior to the opening of school. If monies are owed from last year we ask that you prioritize those balances to ensure a smooth start to the new year. To assist in the safety of our staff, we are asking that cash is kept at a minimum. Therefore, change will not be given back to the student, but rather added to the balance on the child's account. **Keeping this in mind, the most convenient and safest way to add money to your child's account is thru MySchoolBucks.com or sending a check payable to Putnam Valley CSD Lunch Fund.**

With school officially opening for students on September 8th, we have a lot to accomplish, but we are excited to finally be back with the best customers we know...our kids!

Please call my office **845-526-7847 x 1321** or email me, renken-sandra@aramark.com; srenken@pvcsd.org with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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