

Exciting Updates Coming to School Meals!

Dear Families,

We're excited to share that, starting in the **2025–26 school year**, Washoe County School District will partner with **Southwest Foodservice Excellence, LLC (SFE)** to provide nutritious, high-quality meals across all schools.

As we begin this collaboration, **SFE and WCSD** look forward to seamlessly integrating with the district team and actively participating in many back-to-school events this August. Together, we are committed to ensuring a smooth transition and enhancing the student dining experience.

SFE was selected for their focus on fresh ingredients, student-centered menus, and creative new ideas that support student health and engagement. Learn more about them at sfelc.com.

What Families Need to Know:

- New menu options will roll out throughout the year, with student feedback guiding choices.
- Meal prices may increase slightly, in line with federal USDA guidelines. This increase may be as little as ten cents. The current price for lunch is \$3.25.
- WCSD policy ensures that no child will be refused a meal or otherwise shamed due to lack of ability to pay.
- Families will still use **MySchoolBucks** to manage meal payments.
- Families must reapply for Free & Reduced-Price Lunch (FRL) for the 2025–26 school year, unless your child attends a school participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). The application opens in fall: washoeschools.net/mealapplication.
- There will be no job losses for WCSD school-based Nutrition Services employees—your familiar cafeteria staff will still be here to serve your students.

We're looking forward to making healthy, tasty meals even better in the year ahead. Thank you for your continued support!