

Dear Parents and Families,

We are pleased to share information about the new School Lunch Program being introduced across New Brunswick and launching in schools beginning in September.

The School Lunch Program is designed to support student well-being and success by improving access to nutritious, affordable meals during the school day through a reduced-fee model for families. When students are well nourished, they are better able to focus, learn, and participate fully in their school community. The program is built on a commitment to being inclusive and stigma-free, ensuring all students have access to healthy food options at school.

Program Overview

- The school lunch provider will be **Chartwells**
- Meals will be available on school days
- A daily healthy meal option, including a vegetarian option, will be available to order
- Families pay:
 - o \$4 per meal (Kindergarten–Grade 8)
 - o \$5 per meal (Grades 9–12)
- The Province covers the remaining cost of meals

August Reminder

Families will receive a reminder communication during the **week of August 31st** advising that the ordering system for their school is open and providing instructions on how to sign up, register, and place orders before the start of school.

We encourage families to review ordering timelines and register early to ensure a smooth start to the school year.

If you feel that payment is a barrier, please contact the school by phone (506-734-3700) or email (HillsboroughElementary@nbed.nb.ca). All requests will be handled confidentially to support participation in the program.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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