

# WELCOME BACK!

Whitsons

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Whitsons' School Nutrition team would like to extend a warm welcome and let you know that we have exciting plans for this school year. Our goal is to serve nutritious, well-balanced meals that appeal to students and the school community. We are pleased to provide a comprehensive school dining program at Timberlane Schools that meets the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program requirements and engages students in developing a positive attitude about healthy eating.



At Whitsons, we have gone back to a time when good food was simple. We are pleased to be able to provide a nutritious school dining program and are anxious to work with each principal to make the program a success.

Here is some information that will be helpful as we begin this new school year:

## SCHOOL MEALS

The National School Lunch & Breakfast Program (NSLBP) is a federally funded program providing nutritionally balanced meals to children each school day. The USDA administers the program at the federal level and

has approved the continuation of serving **free meals** to all

students at **Lunch and Breakfast** through the 2021-2022 school year. This means that all students will have access to nutritious meals at no cost to parents.

You may find our interactive menus online at [www.fdmealplanner.com](http://www.fdmealplanner.com), which provides daily meal options and nutritional and allergen information. A Printable menu is also on your schools web site.

We will do our best to adjust to the challenges of this school year. There will be supply chain issues during the coming year and we will make every effort to communicate menu changes when at all possible.

We will open the school year with a slightly reduced menu and will be adding additional options as staffing improves and supply chain issues improve.



  
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## **SIMPLY SAFE DINING**

Students' safety is our number one priority, so we take the mealtime worry out of the back-to-school experience. In accordance with the Center for Disease Control and Department of Health, Whitsons has very strict food safety practices and procedures in place for handling food and sanitizing cafeterias, kitchens and serving areas.

## **ABOUT WHITSONS**

Whitsons School Nutrition serves the dining needs of public and private schools from the elementary level through high school. We provide comprehensive management services—customizing our menus and nutrition education programs to the unique needs of students, faculty, staff and administration at each school. Whitsons was founded in 1979 by Elmer and Gina Whitcomb and handed down to their seven sons and two daughters. Today, the Whitcomb family remains actively involved in the company's management and has been joined by an "extended family" of team members who share their vision and commitment to bringing the best in dining services to your schools.

We understand that young people can be selective and want food that tastes great. Whitsons' educational dining programs boast menus that are delicious and highly appealing to young people. Yet, at the same time, we provide the wholesome foods so important to nurturing the health of growing bodies at every stage of development. We work hand in hand with each district to develop menus that focus on quality and variety, while also maximizing nutritional value and ensuring adherence to national, state and local health and wellness guidelines.

If you have any suggestions for the school nutrition program, please contact Whitsons' General Manager, John Fratiello at [Fratielloj@whitsons.com](mailto:Fratielloj@whitsons.com). We are here to serve you and your students' needs and look forward to being a part of your community for many years to come.

Sincerely,

John Fratiello  
General Manager District Manager

