

What is a problem facing our community and what are some possible solutions?

All students at BRES and BRHS should have free lunches and snacks no matter how high or low their parents' or guardians' income is. Hunger is a big problem at BRES and BRHS, and free lunches and snacks would help solve that problem. If everybody had free lunches, no one would be embarrassed to ask for free lunches. Free lunches for everyone would mean that every student would get a healthy and nutritious meal at least once a day and five days a week. The prices for school lunches should not vary between students based on income because you don't know how much of their income is spent on taxes or if they are going through a tough time financially.

Hunger affects the way kids focus and concentrate during class. If all students are provided with free snacks and lunches more kids will be able to concentrate during class, and therefore get better grades in school. Having a healthy meal and snack improves kids' focus and can help them get better scores on standardized tests. Providing snacks and lunches will help everyone because it will create stronger minds and no one will be singled out. Nobody will feel bad about getting free lunches because everyone will have them.

The school could pay for the lunches by having fundraisers and ways that people could donate money. The LOAFS (Leaders Organizing Activities For School) could hold in-school fundraisers and competitions, like the penny war and the Box Top competition to raise money for the lunches and snacks at BRES and BRHS. At BRES they could have a certain week where kids can wear their hats inside the building if they pay a dollar, and all the money could go to school lunches. People could donate items to the school and open up the gym and have a garage sale. Both BRES and BRHS could hold dances where all the profits go to the school lunches. The elementary and high school can have days on a Friday near a holiday where students volunteer to babysit kids at the school while their parents go shopping. Holding fundraisers for both schools could help pay for the school lunches.

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