

## Equity Impact Statement

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<b>Title:</b> Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) My Way Cafe Update	Date: October 16, 2019
<b>Presentation Overview/Action Proposed:</b>	Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) will present on our back to school efforts, including overall highlights and challenges, plus an update on our My Way Cafe project. FNS is responsible for providing meals to all BPS students, and our focus is access and student acceptability.
<b>Educational and Racial Equity Implications:</b>	FNS continues to evolve our school meal program and elevate the quality of meals.  Nearly 73% of BPS students are economically disadvantaged. While appealing, nutritious meals are important for all students, they are particularly important for our students of color, low income students, and high needs students. We are keenly aware that many of our students live in “food deserts” and/or the meals served at school are the only meals they eat each weekday. Therefore, the quality of these meals is particularly crucial to their health and well-being.
<b>Policy Implications:</b>	As FNS continues to raise the district’s standards for meals served to our students, and increase access to good nutrition. Studies show nutritious foods drive improved health and academic outcomes. Our mission is ultimately to increase students’ potential to learn.
<b>Budget Impact:</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Implications of Yes Vote:</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Implications of No Vote:</b>	Not Applicable

