

Due to the staffing shortages this year we were unable to have consistent coverage for all of our five lunch periods and three recesses, some of them happening at the same time. Without consistent coverage (the same team of adults each day with the same grade level of students) there was inconsistent reinforcement of the expectations. This led to a significant increase in unacceptable behaviors.

The IHGMS leadership team worked over the last third of the school year looking at the challenges and ways to address them. We believe one of the ways is to reduce the number of lunches from five to three and to create a gap in time between each of the lunches.

This master schedule addresses those challenges and others and has been vetted with the faculty to ensure it meets the needs of our students and each of the teacher teams the best that we can.

The combining of two grade levels for lunch creates some changes in the food service program. These changes have been reviewed with the interim and incoming food service director as well as with our facilities director. Todd will also be present to talk about facility changes that will be required.