

May 22, 2023

To: Dr. Josh Swanson, Superintendent

From: Jason Mutzenberger, Executive Director of Business Services

Re: 2023-24 School Meal Prices

The Eden Prairie Schools Child Nutrition Department provides nutritional meal options for students, staff, and guests. Eden Prairie school cafeterias are meeting tough federal nutrition standards for school meals, ensuring that meals are healthy and well-balanced and provide students the nutrition they need to succeed at school.

Gov. Tim Walz signed the Free School Meals for Kids bill on Friday, March 17, 2023. This legislation provides state reimbursement for a free breakfast and lunch to all students at schools participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP) starting the 2023-24 school year. We believe this change will result in more students eating school lunch, just as we saw happen during the pandemic. We will be able to meet this need with sufficient staff and facilities.

There are a few additional food items that will still require payment including a la carte items, 2nd meals, adult meals, milk, and water. Below is a table identifying the current meal prices and recommended changes:

| Item | Current Prices | Recommended Prices |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Breakfast – 1 st Meal (K-12) | \$0-\$2.05 | Free |
| Breakfast - 2 nd Meal | \$2.30 | \$2.30 |
| Breakfast - Adult | \$2.30 | \$2.30 |
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| Lunch – 1 st Meal (PreK-12) | \$3.00-\$3.80 | Free |
| Lunch - 2 nd Meal (State Requires Price Increase) | \$3.80 | \$5.00 |
| Lunch – Adult (State Requires Price Increase) | \$4.50 | \$5.00 |
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| 1 st Milk – Student brining a sack lunch to school | \$0.55 | Free |
| Additional Milk | \$0.55 | \$0.55 |
| (One carton of milk is included in breakfast/lunch meal) | | |
| Bottled Water | \$0.65 | \$0.65 |