



**TO:** Superintendent Jon Graff  
School Board Members

**FROM:** Megan Gracia, Business Manager

**DATE:** August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**RE:** FY26 Adult Meal and Second Entrée Prices - revised

### **Adult Meal Prices**

Each year, the school district is required to establish breakfast and lunch prices for adults. MDE determines a required minimum price each year that the district must meet or exceed. Their calculation is based on state and federal reimbursement rates as well as the national average per meal value from the USDA. At this time, the required minimum meal rate has not been released. We ask that you approve the continued use of the FY25 adult meal price until we receive notification of the revised FY26 rate. Since it is a required minimum rate, we are requesting that the board preemptively approve the new 25-26 adult meal price rate whenever it's released by MDE.

	<b><u>FY24 SPPS Rates</u></b>	<b><u>FY25 SPPS Rates</u></b>	<b><u>FY26 Preliminary SPPS Rates</u></b>
Breakfast	\$2.35	\$2.40	\$2.40
Lunch	\$4.95	\$5.00	\$5.00

As a reminder, because of the MN Free School Meals Program that has been implemented, all students will receive their first breakfast and lunch free of charge. However, if a student purchases a second full breakfast or lunch, the district is required to charge them at the adult meal prices listed above.

### **Second Entrée Prices**

Annually, the school district must evaluate the prices charged to students for a second entrée to ensure that the cost of these purchases is entirely borne by the student and not subsidized with state or federal funding. (Unlike the rates above, these entrée rates are if the student only receives one or two items and not a full meal.) It was the recommendation of Emily Craig, the Food Service Director, to keep second entrée prices the same from FY25 to FY26, believing they are an appropriate price to charge relative to expenses; we are in agreement with that assessment. Below are the rates that we will continue to charge for a second entrée in FY26.

	<b><u>FY23 Rates</u></b>	<b><u>FY24 Rates</u></b>	<b><u>FY25 Rates</u></b>	<b><u>FY26 Rates</u></b>
Breakfast (2 <sup>nd</sup> Entrée)	\$1.00	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.50
Lunch (2 <sup>nd</sup> Entrée)	\$1.50	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00

### **Milk Prices**

Lastly, we are recommending that milk prices remain the same from FY25 to FY26. The District's cost for milk has remained relatively stable and we feel that last year's increase was sufficient so as not to require another increase in FY26. Note: If a child brings in a cold lunch and receives just a milk from the District, per MDE, we are required to charge them for that milk since they are not getting a full, reimbursable meal.

	<b><u>FY24 Rates</u></b>	<b><u>FY25 Rates</u></b>	<b><u>FY26 Rates</u></b>
Milk	\$0.35	\$0.40	\$0.40