

Agenda Topic: Recommended Increase in Adult Meal Prices 2026-2027
Meeting Date: August 18, 2026
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Background:

The Minnesota Department of Education notified the district of a required increase in the prices of adult lunches and any second meals purchased by students (the first meal is free), effective with the new school year. School nutrition program funds may not subsidize meals served to adults or other non-program meals, such as second meals. The meal price must cover the full cost of the meal. The required minimum lunch price for adults for SY 2026-27 is \$5.50. This is an increase of \$0.25 from the current adult meal rate of \$5.25. Standard second student meal prices will increase from \$5.25 to the minimum \$5.30, as established by MDE.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the board approve a \$0.25 increase to the price of adult meals and a \$0.05 increase to the price of second student meals effective September 1, 2026.

 X Action Required

 Informational – No Board Action Requested