

**Board of Education**

**ACTION**

**TITLE:** Consider Approving Child Nutrition Meal Prices for 2023-2024

**DATE:** July 3, 2023

**RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR:** Charles Warren, CFO

**BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:**

For two school years, federal waivers were available to allow Arkansas school districts to provide a free breakfast and lunch to all students. Those waivers expired on June 30, 2022. Before the pandemic, the District provided free breakfasts to all students. Lunches, however, were not free. The free breakfast program started back in 2022-2023 and will continue for the 2023-2024 school year. The following table reflects the 2022-2023 meal charges.

Meal Type	Full Pay	Reduced	Adult Staff	Adult Meal
Extra Breakfast – Elementary	\$1.25	\$0.30	\$2.25	\$2.50
Extra Breakfast – Secondary	\$1.25	\$0.30	\$2.25	\$2.50
Lunch – Elementary	\$2.50	\$0.40	\$3.75	\$4.00
Lunch – Secondary	\$2.75	\$0.40	\$3.75	\$4.00
Extra Milk	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50

At the end of this abstract is a schedule of school meal prices for the last ten years.

Commodity and labor costs have increased since then, especially in the last two years. The Administration recommends the following meal prices for 2023-2024:

Meal Type	Full Pay		Reduced		Adult Staff		Adult Guest	
	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed
Breakfast – Elementary	\$1.25	\$1.50	\$0.30	\$0.40	\$2.25	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$2.50
Breakfast – Secondary	\$1.25	\$1.50	\$0.30	\$0.40	\$2.25	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$2.50
Lunch – Elementary	\$2.50	\$2.75	\$0.40	\$0.50	\$3.75	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00
Lunch – Secondary	\$2.75	\$3.00	\$0.40	\$0.50	\$3.75	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Administration recommends the board consider approving the Child Nutrition meal prices as presented.

If the Board agrees, the motion would read: ***move to approve the Child Nutrition meal prices for 2023-2024 as presented.***

**Schedule of Last Four School Meal Price Changes:**

<b>Meal Type</b>	<b>Full Pay Prior to 2014</b>	<b>Full Pay 2014-2015</b>	<b>Full Pay 2017-2018</b>	<b>Full Pay 2022-2023</b>
Breakfast – Student	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.25 (+.25)
Breakfast – Adult Staff	\$2.00	\$2.25 (+.25)	\$2.25	\$2.25
Breakfast – Adult Guest	\$2.25	\$2.50 (+.25)	\$2.50	\$2.50
Lunch – Elementary	\$2.00	\$2.25 (+.25)	\$2.50 (+.25)	\$2.50
Lunch – Secondary	\$2.25	\$2.50 (+.25)	\$2.75 (+.25)	\$2.75
Lunch – Adult Staff	\$3.25	\$3.50 (+.25)	\$3.75 (+.25)	\$3.75
Lunch – Adult Guest	\$3.50	\$3.75 (+.25)	\$4.00 (+.25)	\$4.00
Extra Milk	\$0.30	\$0.30	\$0.30	\$0.50 (+.20)