



Gregory-Portland Independent School

BOARD MEMORANDUM

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CC: BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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DATE: Monday, February 10, 2025

SUBJECT: Meal Pricing Options for the 2025-2026 School Year

PRIORITIES

PRIORITY 1: EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT PERFORMANCE

- 1.1 Annually increase performance in reading for all students and student groups
- 1.2 Annually increase performance in math for all students and all student groups

PRIORITY 2: HIGH PERFORMING AND ENGAGED WORKFORCE

N/A

PRIORITY 3: QUALITY SERVICE AND IMPACTFUL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 3.2 Parent and family satisfaction

PRIORITY 4: EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE DISTRICT AND CAMPUS OPERATIONS

N/A

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Type: Discussion and Possible Action

Options for year 4 of Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) are provided. Current CEP information has the district at 68.48% student reimbursement at the free rate and 31.52% student reimbursement at paid rate. Our current reimbursement rates are \$4.35 for free and \$0.50 for paid.

OPTION 1 provides meals to students with the district paying 100% of the cost. Parents would not pay for meals. The estimated cost to the district is \$1,295,968

OPTION 2 would have the district pay approximately ½ the cost and parents pay ½ the cost. Breakfast would cost \$1.25 PK-12th. Lunch would cost \$1.50 for PK-5th and \$1.65 for 6th-12th. The estimated cost to the district is \$693,382.

OPTION 3 would require parents to pay 100% of the cost for meals not qualifying for free or reduced. Breakfast would cost \$2.50 PK-12th and Lunch would cost \$3.50 PK-5th and \$3.75 for 6th-12th. The district will cover additional labor costs for Food & Nutrition Services. The estimated cost to the district is \$402,606.

Our projections are heavily dependent upon federal reimbursement rates. Actual reimbursement rates will not be finalized until mid to late July.

RECOMMENDATION:

THE GREGORY-PORTLAND ISD ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS OPTION 1, WHICH HAS THE DISTRICT PAYING 100% OF THE MEAL COST FOR STUDENTS.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

PROJECTED DISTRICT COST WILL BE APPROXIMATELY \$1,295,968 BASED ON REIMBURSEMENT RATES PROJECTED TO BE ESTABLISHED JULY 2025.

BOARD RELATED POLICY:

COB (LOCAL)

ACTION ITEM SUGGESTED MOTION (if applicable):

THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION AND MAKE A MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION 1, IN WHICH THE DISTRICT CONTINUES PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION. CONCURRENTLY, THE DISTRICT AGREES TO CONTINUE TO PAY 100% OF THE STUDENT MEALS COSTS, NOT COVERED BY CEP, DURING THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR.