

Vicksburg Community Schools

Sarah Dyer
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To: Keevin O'Neill & The Board of Education

From: Sarah Dyer, Food Service Director

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RE: **Increase to breakfast and lunch prices**

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kid Act of 2010 denotes that the price adjustment calculator must be reviewed each year. For the 2023-2024 school year, the calculator indicates that we should raise our lunch prices at least 69¢. Since we have a positive fund balance, we are only required to raise lunch prices by 10¢. However, our goal is to maintain our self-sufficient financial status; not depending on the general fund to support school food service is our ultimate financial goal. To reach this goal, we must enhance our budgets while maintaining the provision of healthy school meals to students.

I would like to propose that we increase the price of school breakfast 15¢, making the cost of a BK-12 full pay school breakfast \$1.50. In addition, I would like to raise the price of all school lunches 25¢, making the cost of a full pay elementary school lunch \$2.75 and secondary lunch \$3.00. These two increases would create an enhancement of nearly \$20,000 in pupil sales.

This increase is competitive with surrounding school districts, while helping to sustain the longevity of the program. The goal of our program is to "feed the minds" of our students here at Vicksburg Community Schools. Behind every healthy school meal served, is a student ready to learn. Thank you for the opportunity to help make this financially possible.