BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

DATE: **JULY 17, 2023**

TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION, ISD #31**

FROM: **ASHLEY EASTRIDGE, CPA, DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS SERVICES**

SUBJECT: **FOOD SERVICE MEAL PRICES**

COMMENTS:

Attached is a narrative from Tammie Colley, Food and Nutrition Services Coordinator for the Bemidji School District. She is recommending milk price increases of $.15 per carton.

Minnesota Free Meal Program will provide one free breakfast and lunch for each student, which includes a milk carton. This increase will only affect a student wanting to purchase milk because they are bringing a meal from home, not taking a full reimbursable meal or want an additional milk with their meal.

The factors driving the milk price increase are a number of years without price increases and inflation.

ACTION:

The motion was offered by _____, seconded by _____
and, carried (   ) to approve milk price increases of $.15 per carton as presented.

TO: BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS CABINET & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: TAMMIE COLLEY, FOOD & NUTRITION SERVICES COORDINATOR

RE: MILK PRICE INCREASE 2023-2024

CURRENT MILK PRICE .60   PROPOSE .75

I am recommending the above milk price increase for school year 2023-2024. The recommendation is based on MDE mandates, the number of years without a milk price increase, and inflation out weighing current pricing.

The current milk price has been in place since the last price increase before 2009. The recent bid accepted for a milk provider has a per carton increase of 30%. We are making an 25% increase per carton.

The state of MN requires the purchase of milk if the student does not take a full free reimbursable meal, brings a meal from home or needs additional milk with the free meal. The MN Free Meal Program will provide free breakfast and lunch for each student. We do offer other components (fruit and vegetables) to make a reimbursable meal for each child that wants to get just a milk to save that cost for the family and to supplement the meal from home.