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To: The Board of Education and Dr. Patrick Broncato, Superintendent
From: Curt Saindon, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services/CSBO
Date: June 13, 2025
Subject: Recommendation to Approve Finalized Meal Prices for 2025-2026

With the approval of a new Food Service Management Company (Quest Foods) we are now able to set our meal prices for next year. You may remember that back in February and March we discussed and set registration fees, facility rental fees and various other fees, but we did not set meal fees as our Food Service RFP was ongoing and we did not know what final pricing would look like. We now have a contract with Quest and their meal charges will be \$2.99 per breakfast and \$4.77 per lunch, milk included. This is somewhat higher than last year, especially for breakfast, but within range of what we expected. We are therefore recommending that breakfast prices be set at \$3.00 for students and \$3.50 for adults (50 cents more than last year and 25 cents more than what was expected), and that lunch prices be set at \$4.75 for students and \$5.25 for adults (50 cents more than last year and right where we originally estimated). Reduced price meals will remain at \$.40 for both breakfast and lunch.

In this year of transition we want to minimize the increase in meal prices as much as possible and incent our families to try the new food service program, thereby hopefully growing participation over time. Therefore, for all full priced meals sold, we will only make 1 cent per meal for breakfast and we will pay 2 cents per meal for lunch next year. Adult meal prices must be at least 50 cents higher than student meal prices per the requirements of the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program. We do have adequate fund balance reserves in our Food Service account to cover this small outlay during the upcoming school year. As always, if you have any questions or need additional information please let me know...thanks!

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Education approve finalized meal prices of \$3.00 per breakfast (\$3.50 for adults), \$4.75 per lunch (\$5.25 for adults), and \$.40 for reduced price meals for the 2025-2026 school year. The price level will result in a small profit for each breakfast sold (1 cent per meal) and a small deficit for each lunch sold (2 cents per meal) that will be covered by existing Food Service Account reserves. With Board approval we will finalize and publish these meal prices over the summer, as we begin advertising and marketing the new program to our students, families and staff.