

To: ISD 917 School Board Members  
Dr. Michael Favor, Superintendent

From: Mark Johns, Director of Finance

Date: July 8, 2025

Re: FY26 ISD 917 board approved meal prices

**Information:**

- Intermediate School District 917 has renewed our participation in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) for FY26. Our Lunch Program operates at five of our locations: Alliance Education Center, Dakota County Technical College, Lebanon Education Center, Concord Education Center and DCALS North.
- CKC Good Food will again be contracting with us to provide our breakfast and lunch meals. The contract price per meal will increase by \$0.08 to **\$2.62** per breakfast and \$0.13 to **\$4.30** per lunch. This 3.1% increase reflects the maximum allowed increase by statute.
- ISD #917 participates in the Free School Meals program signed into law in Minnesota. As a result of our Free and Reduced student population, we are also required to participate in the Community Eligibility Provision which results in a Federal Free reimbursement rate of 77.68% and Paid reimbursement rate of 22.32%. The balance of the Paid meals reimbursement rate will be paid by the state. FY26 Reimbursement rates have not been released by the USDA as of this date.
- Historically ISD #917 transfers general funds revenues each fiscal year to balance the food service fund. In FY23, this amount was \$22,764.08 and FY24 was \$26,331.94. I anticipate a need for approximately \$35K to balance the FY25 food service fund.

**Recommendation:** Per state statute, student meal prices for both breakfast and lunch will now be \$0.00. Recommend the following based on contract prices to our food vendor:

Student Breakfast \$0.00, Student Lunch \$0.00,  
**Second Meal Student Breakfast \$2.62 and Lunch \$4.30, Milk \$0.45**  
Adult Breakfast **\$3.00**, Adult Lunch **\$4.75**