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TO:	Dr. Patricia Wernet, Interim Superintendent of Schools Dr. Griff Powell, Interim Superintendent of Schools Board of Education
FROM:	Patrick King, Senior Director of Finance
SUBJECT:	Food Service and Registration Fees Recommendations
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On an annual basis, the administration reviews and determines whether lunch and/or registration fees should be increased. The fees are based upon many factors including, year of last increase (it has been many years), any District registration expense increase, cost of food, any ISBE mandates regarding food prices, and comparable fees at surrounding school districts.

The 2021-2022 (current) registration fee schedule is as follows:

- Early Childhood Program The \$29.00 Student Fee for the covers Instructional Materials.
- Grades K-2 The \$160 Student Fee includes: \$77.00 for Instructional Materials; \$83.00 for Before/After School & Lunch Supervision.
- Grades 3-5 The \$180 Student Fee includes: \$77.00 for Instructional Materials; \$83.00 for Before/After School & Lunch Supervision; and \$20.00 for Technology.
- Middle School The \$225 Student Fee includes: \$20.00 Activity Fee; \$78.00 for Instructional Materials; \$107.00 for Before/After School & Lunch Supervision; and \$20.00 for Technology.

Registration Fee Recommendation

The recommended 2022-2023 registration fee schedule is as follows:

- Early Childhood Program The \$29.00 Student Fee for the covers Instructional Materials.
- Grades K-2 The \$180 Student Fee includes: \$77.00 for Instructional Materials; \$83.00 for Before/After School & Lunch Supervision; and \$20.00 for Technology.
- Grades 3-5 The \$180 Student Fee includes: \$77.00 for Instructional Materials; \$83.00 for Before/After School & Lunch Supervision; and \$20.00 for Technology.
- Middle School The \$225 Student Fee includes: \$20.00 Activity Fee; \$78.00 for Instructional Materials; \$107.00 for Before/After School & Lunch Supervision; and \$20.00 for Technology.

The only recommended change for the 2022-2023 school year noted above is the additional \$20.00 Technology fee for Grades K-2, bringing that total to \$180. K-2 grade levels recently started receiving devices so it is recommended to add the fee to cover District costs and to ensure an equitable fee structure among the grade levels.

District 97 has been providing free meals to all students during 2021-2022 as part of the National School Lunch Program requirements. The historical food service fee schedule has been as follows:

- Elementary The food program pricing is as follows: Breakfast \$1.75; Lunch \$2.80; and Milk \$.45 per carton. One carton of milk is included with each breakfast and lunch.
- Middle School -The food program pricing is as follows: Breakfast \$1.75; Lunch \$3.00; and Milk \$.45 per carton. One carton of milk is included with each breakfast and lunch.
- Adult- \$3.25

Food Service Fee Recommendation

It is recommended that the 2022-2023 prices for paid and reduced meals remain unchanged, as the District's costs for the meals have remained flat.