



TO: Board of Education
FROM: Josh Aurand, Chief School Business Official
DATE: July 7, 2022
RE: 2022-2023 Student Meal Price Recommendation

USDA mandates were published in March, 2011, which require a school district to increase paid lunch prices to meet regulations of the Meal Equity Pricing Provision. The USDA memorandum (section 205 of the Healthy, Hunger Free Act of 2010; (7 CFR 210.14e), specifies that schools are required to minimally increase the paid lunch price by a maximum of \$0.10 per year and every year if the district meal prices averages do not meet established pricing levels (\$2.75 in SY 2018-19). Which has now been changed to \$3.31 for the 22-23 school year.

Revised Meal regulations as of January, 2012 required additional menu offerings of fruits, vegetables and whole grains. Additionally, food sold separately in the cafeteria must meet nutritional guidelines effective with the 2014-15 school year.

Subsequently, the District did increase meal prices in 2014, 2015 and 2016 by \$.05 for elementary and \$.10 for Harlem High and Harlem Middle Schools. The meal price increase for the 2017-2018 school year \$.05 for Harlem Middle School breakfast and \$.10 for Elementary, Harlem Middle School and Harlem High School lunch. The District did not increase meal prices in 2018-19.

It is the administrative recommendation that prices increase for paid meal prices for the 2022-23 school year.

FY22 Costs Compared to Proposed FY23 Costs for Full-Pay Breakfast and Lunch

FY 22 Breakfast	FY 22 Lunch	FY 23 Breakfast	FY 23 Lunch
\$ 1.60 – Elem	\$2.40 – Elem	\$ 1.70 – Elem	\$2.55 – Elem
\$ 2.00 – HMS	\$2.80 – HMS	\$ 2.10 – HMS	\$2.95 – HMS
\$ 2.00 – HHS	\$2.90 – HHS	\$2.10 – HHS	\$3.05 – HHS

