
Board of Education

ACTION

TITLE: Consider approving Child Nutrition meal prices for 2022-2023

DATE: July 11, 2022

RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR: Charles Warren, CFO

VISION 2023 STRATEGY: Parameter “We will be responsible stewards of our resources” supporting all seven strategies

BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:

For the last two school years, federal waivers were available to allow Arkansas school districts to provide a free breakfast and lunch to all students. Those waivers expired on June 30, 2022. Before the pandemic, the District provided free breakfasts to all students. Lunches, however, were not free. The free breakfast program will continue for the 2022-2023 school year. The following table reflects the 2019-2020 meal charges.

Meal Type	Full Pay	Reduced	Adult Staff	Adult Meal
Extra Breakfast – Elementary	\$1.25	\$0.30	\$2.25	\$2.50
Extra Breakfast – Secondary	\$1.25	\$0.30	\$2.25	\$2.50
Lunch – Elementary	\$2.50	\$0.40	\$3.75	\$4.00
Lunch – Secondary	\$2.75	\$0.40	\$3.75	\$4.00
Extra Milk	\$0.30	\$0.30	\$0.30	\$0.30

These prices have not changed since the 2017-2018 school year. At the end of this abstract is a schedule of school meal prices for the last ten years.

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Commodity and labor costs have increased since then, especially in the last two years. The Administration recommends the following meal prices for 2022-2023:

Meal Type	Full Pay	Reduced	Adult Staff	Adult Meal
Breakfast – Elementary	\$1.50	\$0.40	\$2.50	\$2.50
Breakfast – Secondary	\$1.50	\$0.40	\$2.50	\$2.50
Lunch – Elementary	\$2.75	\$0.50	\$4.00	\$4.00
Lunch – Secondary	\$3.00	\$0.50	\$4.00	\$4.00
Extra Milk	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50

It is our belief that these meal prices will serve the District for another five years.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration recommends the board consider approving the Child Nutrition meal prices as presented.

If the Board agrees, the motion would read: ***move to approve the Child Nutrition meal prices for 2022-2023 as presented.***

Schedule of Last Four School Meal Price Changes:

Meal Type	Full Pay Prior to 2014	Full Pay 2014-2015	Full Pay 2017-2018	Full Pay 2022-2023
Breakfast – Student	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.25 (+.25)
Breakfast – Adult Staff	\$2.00	\$2.25 (+.25)	\$2.25	\$2.50 (+.25)
Breakfast – Adult Guest	\$2.25	\$2.50 (+.25)	\$2.50	\$2.50
Lunch – Elementary	\$2.00	\$2.25 (+.25)	\$2.50 (+.25)	\$2.75 (+.25)
Lunch – Secondary	\$2.25	\$2.50 (+.25)	\$2.75 (+.25)	\$3.00 (+.25)
Lunch – Adult Staff	\$3.25	\$3.50 (+.25)	\$3.75 (+.25)	\$4.00 (+.25)
Lunch – Adult Guest	\$3.50	\$3.75 (+.25)	\$4.00 (+.25)	\$4.00
Extra Milk	\$0.30	\$0.30	\$0.30	\$0.50 (+.20)

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