

EES Lunch Program UPDATE

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Background:

Our current lunch program provider, Sodexo At School, has submitted a contract renewal for Benjamin Middle School and a proposal to start lunch service at Evergreen Elementary School. Sodexo proposed a standard “CPI Food Away From Home” increase at Benjamin Middle School. This CPI measure is currently 3.6%. At this rate, lunch prices would increase from \$3.95 to \$4.09 next year.

Sodexo also proposed options to begin a lunch program at Evergreen Elementary School next year. The per-pupil lunch cost will depend on how the District staffs the program. These options are summarized below.

Summary of the EES Proposal:

Sodexo proposed the following strategies for implementing a lunch program at EES for the 2025-26 school year:

- **Option 1: Expanded Cold Lunch: Proposed 2025-26 Rate: \$4.09**

Currently, the District provides a free sack lunch and milk to students enrolled in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program. The meal is delivered by Sodexo, stored in our refrigerator, and distributed by our office staff.

Under this option, the District would offer all students a cold lunch option. The cold lunch option would mirror BMS at \$4.09 per meal.

- **Option 2a: Hot Lunch with a Sodexo-staffed Server: Proposed 2025-26 Rate: \$5.34**

Under this option, the District would offer a hot meal menu for \$5.34 per meal. This rate includes the cost of the Sodexo-provided server at \$125 per day.

- **Option 2b: Hot Lunch with Sodexo-Staffed Server; paid by the District: Proposed 2025-26 Rate: \$4.09**

Under this option, the District would offer a hot meal menu for \$4.09 per meal. This rate would require the District to pay the cost of the Sodexo-provided server at \$125 per day. The annual salary cost would be \$21,875 plus daily mileage (\$4,410) for a total of \$26,285.

- **Option 2c: Hot Lunch with a District-staffed Server: Proposed 2025-26 Rate: \$4.34**

Under this option, the District would offer a hot meal menu for \$4.34 per meal. This option would require the District to staff the program and pay all training costs associated with food service.

Summary of the BMS Renewal Proposal:

2024-25 Rate: \$3.95 / Proposed 2025-26 Rate: \$4.09

- Sodexo proposed a contract renewal for 2025-2026 based on their standard **CPI “Food Away from Home”** increase, currently measured at 3.60%.
- This year, students pay \$3.95 for a hot food meal. With the proposed 3.6% increase, lunch would increase \$.14 to \$4.09 per meal for BMS students.

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	Price 2024-25	CPI	Increase	Price 2025-26		Expanded cold lunch	Hot food with Server Included	Hot food with Server separate	Hot food without Server **	School Days		
	\$ 3.95	3.60%	\$ 0.14	\$ 4.09		\$ 4.09	\$ 5.34	\$ 4.09	\$ 4.34	175		
Server								\$ 125.00		175	\$ 21,875.00	\$ 21,875.00
Mileage	\$ 0.67			\$ 0.70		\$ 25.20	\$ 37.80	\$ 37.80	\$ 25.20	175	\$ 4,410.00	\$ 6,615.00
	IRS Rate			IRS Rate		You pay this now	Additional person					

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- 1 Current price for lunch
- 2 CPI % for the next school year
- 3 Increase from the CPI
- 4 New 25-26 Lunch rate

- A \$4.08 Offering cold lunch option to everyone
- B \$5.34 New lunch price
- C \$4.09 lunch price with server \$125 paid separately
- D \$4.34 Hot food but with your own staff **Additional money is for the extra kitchen prep
- E Number of school day
- F Total of server and mileage for the year
- G Total of mileage for extra server for the year