

Agenda Item II-H: Approval of Adult Meal Price Increase

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Background:

In accordance with state and federal guidelines, School Nutrition Program funds may not subsidize meals served to adults or other non-program meals, such as second meals. The meal price must be set high enough so that the cost of the meal is fully paid by the customer.

MDE calculates minimum prices for adult and other non-program meals annually. The minimum price for 2026-27 is \$2.55 for breakfast and \$5.30 for lunch. This calculation is based on the state and federal reimbursement rates plus the national average per meal value of U.S. Department of Agriculture Foods, rounded up to the nearest five cents.

Our 2025-26 prices for adult and other non-program meals were \$2.50 for breakfast and \$5.05 for lunch, so the Board must approve an increase to get our prices up to the minimum level.

Administration Recommendation:

The Administration recommends approval to increase the prices for adult and other non-program meals to \$2.55 for breakfast and \$5.30 for lunch.