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To: Dr. Josh Swanson, Superintendent
From: Jason Mutzenberger, Executive Director of Business Services
Re: 2026-27 School Meal Prices

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) sets minimum school meal prices with guidance from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The required minimum prices increased for adult lunches (and 2nd lunches), requiring the district to increase prices by $0.05.

The Eden Prairie Schools Child Nutrition Department provides nutritious and balanced meals, ensuring compliance with rigorous federal nutrition standards to support student health and academic success. The Minnesota Free School Meals for Kids legislation continues in the 2026-27 school year. This legislation, passed into law on March 17, 2023, provides free breakfast and lunch to all students.

There are a few items that will still require payment, such as a la carte items, second meals, adult meals, and milk. Regulatory guidance from the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) requires annual adjustments in meal pricing. I am recommending we make the minimum required adjustments to our pricing below:

Item	Approved Prices (06/22/26)	Recommended Prices
Breakfast – 1st Meal (K-12)	Free	Free
Breakfast - 2nd Meal	$2.60*	$2.60*
Breakfast - Adult	$2.60*	$2.60*
Lunch – 1st Meal (PreK-12)	Free	Free
Lunch - 2nd Meal (State Requires Price Increase)	$5.25*	$5.30
Lunch – Adult (State Requires Price Increase)	$5.25*	$5.30
1st Milk – Student brining a sack lunch to school	Free	Free
Additional Milk (One carton of milk is included in breakfast/lunch meal)	$0.60	$0.60