



River Trails

SCHOOL DISTRICT 26

To: Board of Education
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Subject: 2026-27 Food Service Prices

Introduction

Meal prices are established by the Board of Education each year at a level designed to ensure that program revenues at least cover the direct expenses of the lunch program. Prices for the 2025-26 school year are as follows:

- Elementary lunch - \$3.45
- Middle school lunch - \$4.10
- Milk - \$.60
- Breakfast - \$2.00

Recommendation

It is recommended that the price for elementary lunch increase to \$3.60 (4.3%), the price for middle school lunch increase to \$4.25 (3.6%), the price for milk increase to \$.65 (8.3%), and that the price of breakfast remain constant at \$2.00.

Background

According to the Paid Lunch Equity requirements of the National School Lunch Program, Districts which do not have a positive balance in their nonprofit school food service account must either increase paid meal prices, or contribute to the nonprofit school food service account. The district currently has a positive balance in the food service accounts, but it has been rapidly decreasing since students have returned to the buildings after Covid. In order to reduce the recent deficit spending, the recommendation is to increase the price of lunches and milk.

Attachments

- Food Service Costs