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To: Dr. Dave Palzet, Superintendent
From: Griffin L. Sonntag, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations
Date: May 14, 2025
RE: Food Service Renewal for FY26

Quest Food Management Services is completing its first year as our food service provider, following last year's competitive Invitation for Bid (IFB) process. Throughout the year, we've continued to collaborate closely with Quest to gather feedback from our school community—this includes student surveys, a parent survey, and periodic food tastings for both students and staff. In addition, we've reviewed menu options, food preparation processes, and serving line efficiencies to enhance the overall food service experience.

Looking ahead to FY26, Quest is proposing a per-meal charge to the district of \$3.6260, up from \$3.50, which reflects the contractual annual increase of 3.6%. The cost of milk will increase to \$0.3418 per carton, up from \$0.33.

Based on this proposal, we recommend setting the student lunch fee for the 2025–2026 school year at \$3.65 per meal, which is a \$0.05 increase. We also recommend maintaining the milk fee at \$0.35, holding steady from this current year. These rates are projected to allow the program to operate on a break-even basis, which remains our financial goal for the lunch program.

Below is the historical price for a student lunch:

Year	Price Per Meal
2017-2018	\$3.30
2018-2019	\$3.30
2019-2020	\$3.30
2020-2021	\$3.30
2021-2022	\$3.30
2022-2023	\$3.50
2023-2024	\$3.60
2024-2025	\$3.60
2025-2026	\$3.65 (recommended)