



**Prospect Heights School District 23
Board of Education
Action Item**

Date: May 14, 2026

Subject: Recommendation for Student Lunch Fees for the 2026-27 School Year

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BACKGROUND:

As discussed with the Finance Committee, Administration reviews the current fee structure and its alignment with District expenditures on an annual basis. At the January, 2026 Board of Education meeting, the Board approved all student fees except for student lunch and milk fees.

As we have continued to see costs for goods and services (CPI) increase significantly over the past few years, so too have our meal costs. Cost increases for the new Food Service Management contract are reflected in the amounts below and we continue to align our meal costs with the actual food costs and NSLP rates of reimbursement, as recommended by ISBE. We will continue to monitor these costs and reimbursements to ensure alignment throughout the new contract.

PROPOSED 2025-26 STUDENT LUNCH FEES:

STUDENT GRADE LEVEL	Current Reimb. Amount for Paid Meal Under NSLP	Organic Life 2025-26 Charge to D23	Organic Life 2026-27 Charge to D23	Proposed Student Cost for 2026-27
Breakfast (All Grades)	\$.39	\$2.12	\$2.18	\$2.40
Grades K – 5 (Lunch)	\$.51	\$4.08	\$4.20	\$4.55
Grades 6 – 8 (Lunch)	\$.51	\$4.08	\$4.20	\$4.55

CONCLUSION

The Administration recommends the acceptance of the fees proposed above for approval for the 2026-27 school year.