

MEMO

To: Patrick Little, Superintendent

From: Layna Lorencz

Date: July 31, 2025

RE: Recommendation for Breakfast and Lunch Price Increase

Paid Lunch Equity (PLE)

In accordance with Program regulations at **7 CFR 210.14(e)**, School Food Authorities (SFAs) that, on a weighted average, charged less than the target weighted average of **\$4.01** for paid lunches in School Year (SY) 2024–25 are required to adjust their paid lunch prices for SY 2025–26. This adjustment is calculated using a **2% base increase**, plus the **most recent Consumer Price Index (CPI) of 4.03%**, applied to the previous year's weighted average paid lunch price.

While our district has previously qualified for an exemption due to maintaining a positive food service fund balance, we must now adjust our prices to remain in compliance. To meet the required pricing threshold, we recommend a **\$0.75 increase to the paid lunch price** and a **\$0.50 increase to the breakfast price**.

Recommendation

I recommend the following price increases for the 2025–26 school year:

- **Breakfast:** Increase to **\$2.50**
- **Lunch:** Increase to **\$4.00**

Note: Michigan continues to participate in the **Universally Free Meals Program**. All students will still be eligible to receive **one free breakfast and one free lunch** per school day. These price increases will apply **only to students purchasing a second full meal**.

Implementing these adjustments will ensure our district remains compliant with the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) requirements under the Paid Lunch Equity provision.

Respectively,
Layna Lorencz
Food Service Director