

To: Finance Committee  
From: Jeffery Schubert, Chief School Business Official  
Date: Jun 24, 2025  
Subject: FY26 School Meal Fees Recommendations  
Board of Education Meeting, Jun 24, 2025

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**Background:**

School Lunch prices are established by the Board of Education each year designed to ensure that the program revenues at least cover the direct expenses of the school lunch program. The Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) is a requirement under Section 205 of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, for all schools with pricing programs that participate in the National School Lunch Program.

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the PLE is to ensure paid meal prices are more equal with funds brought in from free and reduced-price meals reimbursements.

**Financial Impact:**

Using the attached USDA FY25 Pricing Calculator we are required to increase our lunch fees \$0.10, from \$3.55 to \$3.15, which is also capped at \$0.10. In addition to the \$0.10 to School Lunches, the District will also increase the Breakfast rates as well. There is an option to keep these rates flat, but it relays on the District contributing to the Food Service Account using Local funds. The calculation used to determine this amount is on the attached file. In summary, the cost estimate \$112,018.50.

Current School Meal Rates		Proposed School Lunch Rates	
FY25 Lunch Rate	\$3.05	FY26 Lunch Rate	\$3.15
FY25 Breakfast Rate	\$1.70	FY26 Breakfast Rate	\$1.80

**Recommendation:**

Given the information above, Administration requests that the Finance Committee recommend the Board of Education increase the 2025-2026 Meal Rates as presented at the Tuesday, June 24, 2025 Regular Board of Education Meeting.

Highlight area is a typo; \$3.55 should be \$3.05