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TO: Board of Directors

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SUBJECT: 2023-24 Meal Prices

DATE: August 8, 2023

TYPE: Action Required

Board Policy 3520 requires that the board approve fees for the coming year. Attached are the proposed meal prices for fiscal year 2023-24.

The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) includes federal and state revenues, as well as family paid meals, unless the school or family qualifies for free or reduced prices. NSLP requires as part of the program that districts annually complete a Paid Lunch Equity Tool, which indicates an increase of 50 cents for next year. However, districts are allowed to spread that increase over two years, and so our recommendation is to increase lunch prices by 25 cents in 2023-24, with further action taken next year for the additional 25 cent increase.

If the board elects to not raise lunch rates, the district must fund the difference out of non-federal sources, and continue to do so each year until the NSLP equity tool is in line. The cost would be approximately \$30,000 the first year, and potentially \$60,000 in the second year if the equity tool continues to indicate another 25 cent increase.

Breakfast has different rules and so we don't recommend increasing those rates at this time.

It is further recommended that adult meals, both breakfast and lunch, increase 25 cents to help offset cost increases.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve the attached meal prices for the 2023-24 fiscal year, reflecting an increase in student lunch prices of 25 cents and adult breakfast and lunch prices of 25 cents.

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