

To: Members of the Board of Education and Naomi Norman

From: Brian Marcel, Associate Superintendent

Date: June 29, 2022

Re: Lunch Price

Our current price for a student lunch is \$3.00, the same price it has been for several years now.

All school districts must comply with the Federal Meal Price Equity requirement. The requirement states that districts must annually increase the price of meals served to paying students until such time as the cost of the paid lunch is, on average, equal to the difference between the free meal reimbursement and the paid meal reimbursement. For the 2022-23 year, the free meal reimbursement is \$3.66 and the paid meal reimbursement is \$0.35, resulting in a difference of \$3.31. Since our current paid meal price is less than this difference, we are required to increase the meal price.

Therefore, we are recommending a price increase of \$0.50 in the school lunch prices at all the buildings. This would put us into compliance with the Federal Meal Price Equity requirement, and would also provide some cushion for future increases in the difference due to inflation, thereby preventing us from having to increase the price every year.

It should be recognized that even without the federal requirement, the increase in food and retirement costs have contributed to a need to increase the meal price.

If you have any questions, please feel free to let me know at extension 1402.