

**Franklin Public Schools  
Franklin, Massachusetts 02038**

**Action Required**

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**Subject:** Refund of Fees

**Date:** February 23, 2021

**Dept:** School Committee

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**Reason:** Required Vote

**Enclosure:** yes

**Recommendation:**

Refund of Lunch Fees for Seniors

I recommend approval of the request of Miriam Goodman, School Business Administrator, to refund Senior's lunch balances for the 2020-2021 school year as discussed.

**Action Requested of the School Committee:**

Majority vote of the School Committee is required.

<u><b>Vote Tabulator</b></u>	
A Bergen:	Y / N      T Keenan: Y / N
J D'Angelo:	Y / N      M J Scofield: Y / N
J Pond-Pfeffer:	Y / N      D Spencer: Y / N
E Stokes:	Y / N      Action: _____



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To: Franklin School Committee  
From: Sara Ahern, Superintendent and Miriam Goodman, School Business Administrator  
Re: Refunds of Meal Account Balances  
Date: February 19, 2021

As you likely recall, last May, the School Committee voted to make an exception to its policy EFD to issue refunds of meal account balances to graduating seniors. Given that all meals are free through the end of the 2021 school year, we recommend that the School Committee make another exception to this policy this year only and for FHS seniors only. There are 218 seniors with a positive balance of \$10 or more. We would not recommend issuing refunds under \$10. For the 103 seniors with younger siblings in the district, we will automatically transfer any balance to the younger sibling. We can work with families with multiple students to make the transfers in accordance with the parent's request. For those 115 seniors with a positive balance in excess of \$10 and without a younger sibling, refunds would be issued. Total value of refunds to these families would approximate \$5,900. Please also be aware that there are 83 seniors who owe \$2,750 to the Foodservice Department at this time.

School Committee policy EFD is excerpted here for your review:

Refunds for withdrawn and/or graduating students are not issued. Parents have the option to transfer funds to a sibling's or other student's account. After one (1) year, any remaining credit balance on a school lunch account for a student who is no longer enrolled in the Franklin Public Schools will become the property of the Franklin School Lunch Program to be used as a donation to offset uncollected debt.

Thank you for your consideration.