

**Franklin Public Schools
Franklin, Massachusetts 02038**

Action Required

Subject: Meal Price Increase

Date: June 14, 2022

Dept: SC

Reason: Required Vote

Enclosure: yes

Recommendation:

Meal Prices

I recommend increasing the meal prices for the 2022-23 school year as detailed.

Action Requested of the School Committee:

Majority vote of the School Committee is required.

<u>Vote Tabulator</u>	
C. Bernstein: Y / N	D. McNeill: Y / N
D. Callaghan: Y / N	M. Whitmore: Y / N
Al Charles: Y / N	D Spencer: Y / N
E Stokes: Y / N	Action: _____



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To: Sara Ahern, Superintendent and Franklin School Committee
From: Miriam Goodman, School Business Administrator
Re: School Meal Prices
Date: June 3, 2022

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's school nutritional waivers are set to expire June 30th. The waivers allowed all students, regardless of income, to eat school meals for free for the first time in modern history. Prior to the pandemic, free meals were only given to students who are certified as low income based on Federal guidelines.

As we approach the end of Federal nutrition waivers, and, while there is still some discussion at the state level that may allow for the continuation of free meals, it would be prudent to plan for a price increase in the event that government funding does not support free meals. DESE recently set the minimum paid lunch price for students for FY23 at \$3.31 to comply with regulations that ensure that schools are providing the same level of support for meals served to students who are not eligible for free or reduced price meals (i.e., paid meals) as they are for meals served to students eligible for free or reduced price meals.

The recommended price increase for meals in the Franklin School Lunch program is \$0.50 for lunch and \$0.20 for breakfast and would continue to support the cost of contractual obligations, increased food costs due to shortages in products and delivery fee increases, maintenance increases and other expenses that allow the program to continue to be self-sustaining. We can not run our Food Services Program at a deficit.

For these reasons, I recommend pricing for the 2022-2023 school year as follows.

Grade Level	2019-2020 Pricing	2022-2023 Proposed Pricing
Elementary Lunch	\$2.75	\$3.25
Middle School Lunch	\$3.00	\$3.50
High School Lunch	\$3.25	\$3.75
Reduced Price Lunch	\$0.40	\$0.40
Adult Lunch	\$4.25	\$4.75
Breakfast	\$1.80	\$2.00
Reduced Price Breakfast	\$0.30	\$0.30
Adult Breakfast	\$2.25	\$2.75
Milk	\$0.50	\$0.50

This was discussed at the June 8, 2022 policy subcommittee meeting as well as the June 9, 2022 budget subcommittee meeting and members were in agreement with this proposal.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.