

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
INFORMATION REPORT
FOOD PRICE CHANGES FOR 2019 - 2020 SCHOOL YEAR

July 15, 2019

Background Information:

We publish the food services prices in the annual school parent/student handbook calendar.

Discussion:

With the reauthorization of the Healthy Hunger Freed Kids Act of 2010, Paid Lunch Equity was enacted and HCPS is being mandated to increase meal prices up to the reimbursement level for free and reduced meals. With federal reimbursements per meal higher than the current rates Harford County Public Schools charges, lunch prices may be increased over the next several years (there is a limited option to request a waiver from the mandate, which we did in FY17). For FY20 labor rates and health insurance costs will increase. Meal prices will increase \$0.10 for lunch. The passage of the Maryland Care for Kids Act affects the price of reduced meals. Reduced lunch will decrease from \$0.40 to \$0.30 for FY20.

Meal prices for FY 2019 -2020 will be as follows:

- Breakfast - \$1.20, students approved for reduced meals \$0.20.
- Lunch - \$2.40 for elementary, \$2.50 for secondary, students approved for reduced meals \$0.30.

A la carte items range from \$0.40 to \$1.00 in elementary and \$0.20 to \$1.50 in secondary schools.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education accept this report.