

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

FOOD PRICE CHANGES FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

August 22, 2022

Background Information:

Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) publishes Food and Nutrition meal prices in the annual school parent/student handbook calendar as well as online at www.hcpsmenus.com.

Discussion:

Due to nationwide increases in food costs and increased labor costs, HCPS is proposing a price increase for breakfast and lunch. Meal prices will increase \$0.15 for breakfast and \$0.10 for lunch. With the passage of the Maryland Care for Kids Act, there will be no cost associated for reduced-priced breakfast and lunch meals for approved families. Charges for a la carte milk will resume in the FY23 school year.

FY 2022 - 2023 Meal prices for paid students will be as follows:

- Breakfast - \$1.35
- Lunch - \$2.50 for elementary / \$2.60 for secondary

A la carte items range from \$.50 to \$2.00 at all grade levels. Examples of a la carte charges are as follows:

- Breakfast entrée (single item): \$1.10 (increases \$0.10)
- Lunch entrée (single item): \$2.00 (increases \$0.10)
- Sunflower seeds: \$0.60 (increases \$.10)
- Milk/Lactaid: \$0.55 (increases \$0.05)
- Soy/Ripple: \$1.25 (increases \$0.25)

Superintendent's Recommendation:

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