

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON FOOD PRICE INCREASES FOR 2018 - 2019 SCHOOL YEAR

AUGUST 13, 2018

Background Information:

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

Discussion:

With the reauthorization of the Healthy Hunger Free 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 FY19 labor rates will increase. The absorption of OPEB costs the last three years has also impacted the ability of the department to hold prices at current levels. Meal prices will increase \$0.10 for lunch and \$0.15 for breakfast.

Meal prices for FY 2018 -2019 will be as follows:

- Breakfast - \$1.20; students approved for reduced meals \$0.20.
- Lunch - \$2.30 for elementary and \$2.40 for secondary; students approved for reduced meals \$0.40.

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.