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.