

August 12, 2026

To: Superintendent Dr. Hines
From: Josiah Nebo and Tami Borgen
Subject: Adult Meal Prices

Re: Summary Information for School Board Review

The purpose of this memo is to provide background information for board action on the consent agenda at the August 12, 2026 school board meeting to increase adult meal prices to \$5.30 for FY2027. This action will not impact student meals or pricing in any way.

Summary:

Due to Paid Lunch Equity (PLE), defined below, the district must increase adult meal prices. The proposed action results in a price higher than required by PLE to prevent having to raise prices again in the near future. Additionally, this reflects the size of adult portions and the rising cost of ingredients.

Type	Current Price	PLE Price	Proposed Price
Breakfast	\$3.50	\$2.55	\$3.50 (no change)
Lunch	\$5.25	\$5.30	\$5.30 (\$0.05 increase)

PLE definition: The concept of "Paid Lunch Equity" (PLE) primarily focuses on the pricing of student lunches in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) to ensure that the revenue generated from paid student lunches is in line with federal reimbursement for free and reduced-price lunches. The aim is to prevent federal funds meant for free and reduced-price lunches from subsidizing paid student meals. Specifically, federal funding from the NSLP cannot be used to subsidize adult meals; schools must ensure that adult meal prices cover the cost.

Next steps: The price for adult lunch at \$5.30 will begin on the first day of school.