

Proposal for Lunch Price Increase Effective with the 2016-2017 School Year

	Current Price(s)	Proposed Price(s)
Elementary Levels	\$2.75	\$3.00
Middle School	\$3.00	\$3.25 Minimum Type A Lunch Price
High School	\$3.00	\$3.25 Minimum Type A Lunch Price

Type "A" Lunch Price Increase

Departmental revenues have declined from a program high of \$7,657 per day during the 2010-2011 school year to a current low of \$6,157 per day. This equates to an annual decline in revenues of approximately \$260,000.

Inflationary cost increases in food of between 1-2% annually coupled with the increased cost for foods that meet federal child nutrition standards has increased the districts cost to produce a type "A" student lunch by \$.24 over the past 3 years. The per meal raw food cost increases are directly attributed to the following meal staples:

- Whole Grain Bread (rolls or sandwich buns) . . . (\$.10 up to \$.14 average) – increase of \$.04
- Milk has increased in cost . . . (\$.18 up to \$.21) increase of \$.03
- Vegetable requirements per serving have increased by 50-100%, depending on the grade level, from $\frac{1}{2}$ c to $\frac{3}{4}$ c (Elem & MS), and $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 1 c (HS). This represents the other \$.17 increase in raw food costs based on percentages taken, and using an average cost of 5 varieties of vegetables

The expense incurred by the department related to employee benefits premium increases over the past 5 years have averaged 5%.

Measures have been taken to realign food service staff levels and reduce staff hours in the department where possible. The reduction in hours within the department is being facilitated through attrition and is projected to save the department over \$40,000 annually.

Declining participation in the food service program has allowed for the reduction in annual food purchase expenses from a high of \$700,000 for the 2011-2012 school year to our current low of \$570,000, a decrease of \$130,000.

The placement of a 'quick pay' system for GFS bills over the last 2 years, which is saving the school district an estimated \$5,000 per year.

A gourmet coffee bar started this winter at the High School is generating an average monthly revenue of \$1,200 since its inception.