

# WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Property & Finance Committee

### MEMO ITEM

#### Approval of 2026-27 Adult Meal Price Increase

According to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) FNS Instruction 782-5 Rev. 1, Adult Meal Prices for School Nutrition Program (SNP) sponsors are not permitted to be subsidized by federal reimbursements, children's payments, and other non-designated nonprofit food service revenues. According to the guidance, districts must ensure that the price charged for adult meals is greater than price of the student's highest price paid meal and the amount received in subsidy from all sources.

Below is a chart which depicts the current student rate and adult rate for both Elementary and Middle School meals. This chart shows a need for a minimum increase in the adult paid breakfast at Elementary School by \$0.04 and Middle School by \$0.05 for the 2026-27 school year.

The High Schools do not participate in the National School Lunch program. However, the adult rate for breakfast will increase to \$3.05.

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|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Elementary school student breakfast       | \$0.00          |
| Reimbursement rate                        | \$3.04          |
| Adjusted student rate                     | <u>\$3.04</u>   |
| 2025-26 Elementary school adult breakfast | \$3.00          |
| <b>Variance</b>                           | <b>\$0.04</b>   |
| Middle school student breakfast           | \$0.00          |
| Reimbursement rate                        | \$3.04          |
| Adjusted student rate                     | <u>\$3.04</u>   |
| 2025-26 Middle school adult breakfast     | \$3.00          |
| <b>Variance</b>                           | <b>\$0.04</b>   |
| Elementary school student Lunch           | \$3.15          |
| Reimbursement rate                        | \$0.845         |
| Adjusted student rate                     | <u>\$4.00</u>   |
| 2025-26 Elementary school adult Lunch     | \$4.05          |
| <b>Variance</b>                           | <b>\$(0.05)</b> |
| Middle school student Lunch               | \$3.40          |
| Reimbursement rate                        | \$0.845         |
| Adjusted student rate                     | <u>\$4.25</u>   |
| 2025-26 Middle school adult Lunch         | \$4.30          |
| <b>Variance</b>                           | <b>\$(0.05)</b> |

In accordance with School Board policy 808, price increases for any menu item must be Board approved. Approval of a \$3.05 Elementary, \$3.05 Middle School, and \$3.05 High School adult breakfast meal price will be placed on the Consent Agenda for the Property & Finance Committee Action Items at the August 24, 2026 Board Meeting.

If you should have any questions, please contact me at 484-266-1020.

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