

**BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**DATE:** July 13, 2004

**TO:** **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**FROM:** Dr. J. Hairston, Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** **STUDENT MEAL PRICE**

**ORIGINATOR:** J. Robert Haines, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services

**RESOURCE**

**PERSON(S):** Rita Fromm, Executive Director, Planning and Support Operations

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Education approve a student meal price increase for school year 2004-05.

**Background Information:** Student meal prices have not changed since 1992.

Estimated Operating Funds Fiscal Impact: \$ None for FY \_\_\_\_\_

Possible Funding Source: N/A

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**STUDENT MEAL PRICE RECOMMENDATIONS**  
**Budget And Audit Committee**  
**June 15, 2004**

**Issue**

The Office of Food and Nutrition Services is recommending an increase in student meal prices for school year 2004-05. Presentation of a formal recommendation to the Board of Education is planned for July 2004.

**Background**

The Office of Food and Nutrition Services student meal prices have remained unchanged since 1992. Among Maryland LEAs, BCPS currently maintains the fourth lowest elementary and secondary lunch price at \$1.50 and \$1.60 respectively. Elementary prices throughout Maryland range from \$1.25 to \$1.75. Secondary prices range from \$1.50 to \$2.00.

**Recommendations**

- 1) The Office of Food and Nutrition Services recommends establishing a meal price policy that aligns student meal prices with net program costs. The student meal price would be calculated in accordance with the following:

*Total program expenses for the prior fiscal year will be reduced by the total of all miscellaneous sales subsidies, increased by the projected salary and food price increase, divided by the projected or prior year meal participation, and reduced by federal, state program reimbursements. The remaining cost will be the unit meal cost.*

*The student meal cost will be the unit meal cost rounded up to the nearest nickel.*

- 2) The Office of Food and Nutrition Services recommends phasing in a student meal price increase to keep pace with rising food and labor expenses.

**Phase-in Options**

OFFICE OF FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES

Meal Cost Recommendation As Of June 30, 2004

	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
<b>Meal Cost Recommendation - Lunch</b>							
Lunch Cost per meal after Reimb. & Subsidy	\$ 1.86	\$ 2.43	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.57	\$ 2.71	\$ 2.86	\$ 3.01
Option A - .20 per year	\$ 1.60	\$ 1.80	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.20	\$ 2.40	\$ 2.60	\$ 2.80
Option B - .20 first year, then .40 to full cost	\$ 1.60	\$ 1.80	\$ 2.20	\$ 2.60			
Option C - .40 first year, then to full cost	\$ 1.60	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.50				
<b>Meal Cost Recommendation - Breakfast</b>							
Breakfast Cost per meal after Reimb. & Subsidy	\$ 1.41	\$ 1.69	\$ 1.75	\$ 1.83	\$ 1.91	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.09
Option A - .10 per year	\$ 1.15	\$ 1.25	\$ 1.35	\$ 1.45	\$ 1.55	\$ 1.65	\$ 1.75
Option B - .15 per year to full cost	\$ 1.15	\$ 1.30	\$ 1.45	\$ 1.60	\$ 1.75	\$ 1.90	\$ 2.05

### Student Lunch Prices Lunch Prices Low to High

