

Colchester Public Schools
Food Service Department

Memo

To: Board of Education

From: Sharon Floyd
Cafeteria Supervisor

Date: August 1, 2017

Subject: Meal & Milk Price Increases

I am requesting an increase in school lunch and breakfast prices for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year.

The USDA regulations, based on the Healthy, Hunger-free Kids Act of 2010, mandated starting in the 2012-2013 school year the Food Service Department is required to make students take a serving of fruit and/or vegetable as part of their meal. The serving sizes of fruits and vegetables offered also increase. This requirement has led to higher food costs. In an effort to lessen this burden, I have allotted more of our commodity dollars to the Department of Defense Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.

While we haven't had a meal price since the 2014-2015 school year with the increase in food costs, equipment repairs, and employee benefits an increase to the meal pricing and milk pricing would be in order to sustain our program and continue to provide healthy nutritious meals to our district's children.

Therefore, it is my recommendation the Colchester Public Schools Food Service Department has a price increase of \$.25 per meal and a price increase of \$.10 for milk.

This would put the new lunch prices as follows:

Grades K-8 would go from \$ 2.55 per lunch to \$ 2.80 per lunch.

Grades 9-12 Hot Lunch would go from \$ 3.05 per lunch to \$ 3.30 per lunch.

Grades 9-12 Deli Lunch would go from \$ 3.75 per lunch to \$ 4.00 per lunch.

The new breakfast prices would be as follows:

Grades k-8 would go from \$ 1.55 per breakfast to \$ 1.80 per breakfast.

Grades 9-12 would go from \$ 1.90 per breakfast to \$ 2.15 per breakfast.

Please note the pricing in the high school is higher for lunches as serving sizes are larger than at the elementary level, also the deli products are higher in cost.

The reduced prices for meals would remain the same as those are set through guidance from the USDA. The reduced prices are currently \$.40 for lunch and \$.30 for breakfast.

This would put the new milk price from \$.55 per half pint carton to \$.65 per half pint carton.

For lunch price comparison purposes with two local school districts:

East Hampton: Elementary School hot lunch is \$ 2.75

Middle School hot lunch is \$ 3.00

High School hot lunch is \$ 3.25 and deli lunch is \$ 4.00

Glastonbury: Elementary School hot lunch is \$ 3.00

Middle and High School hot lunch is \$ 3.50