

West Lafayette Community School Corporation

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TO: Board of School Trustees

FROM: Courtney FitzSimons, Food Service Director/Dietitian
Michelle Cronk, CFO

DATE: May 2, 2025 (May 12, 2025 Board Meeting)

RE: Food Service Meal Price Recommendation for 2025-2026

The WLCSC Food Service Department recommends increasing paid student lunch prices by \$0.50 per lunch at all West Lafayette Schools for the 2025-2026 school year. The factors below have significantly impacted the Food Service Department since our last meal price increase in June 2022.

- 2023-2024: The Keep Kids Fed Act ended, reducing the paid federal reimbursement lunch rate by \$0.37.
- 2024-2025: COVID Supply Chain Assistance Funds ended (loss of \$70,000 in supplemental revenue).
- 2025-2026: 12% loss in commodity entitlement dollars.
- WLCSC Food Service Labor Costs have increased by 4.5% since 2022-2023 due to raises and benefits.
- WLCSC Food Service Food Costs have increased by 10% since 2022-2023 due to inflation and other price increases.

Please note that the recommended increases are for paid lunch prices only and would not affect breakfast or free and reduced lunch prices. We appreciate your continued support of our programs!