

Office of the Superintendent of Schools
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland

June 14, 2012

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Joshua P. Starr, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Recommended Fiscal Year 2013 Fees for the Food and Nutrition Services Program

I recommend that the Board of Education approves the current prices for meals served to students for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013, as follows:

	FY 2012	FY 2013
Breakfast	\$1.30	\$1.30
Reduced-price Breakfast	0.00	0.00
Reduced-price Lunch	0.40	0.40
Elementary Lunch	2.50	2.50
Secondary Lunch	2.75	2.75

The last price increase occurred during FY 2010, which was 10 cents for elementary and secondary lunches (breakfasts remained at the FY 2009 price of \$1.30). The Division of Food and Nutrition Services (DFNS), as an enterprise fund, is projected to have a profit of \$334,000 in FY 2012. This occurred as a result of increases in reimbursement as eligible students who received Free and Reduced-price Meals System (FARMS) services continued to increase throughout the fiscal year. The April 2012 FARMS eligibility is 33.8 percent, compared with the April 2011 eligibility, which was 32.3 percent. Other factors contributing to a profitable year were cost-control measures involving staffing, inventory control within schools, and no school closings due to inclement weather.

As part of the *Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010* through the Maryland State Department of Education certification of our program, an additional 6 cents will become available next year, beginning October 2012, for all lunches paid, free, and reduced. This is projected to generate \$571,000 in revenue, which will help to offset the additional food costs associated with the nutritional guidelines that increase the amount of fruit and vegetables offered to students. In addition, DFNS will continue to maintain cost controlling measures during FY 2013.

With the recommendation to not raise meal prices in FY 2013, Montgomery County Public Schools meal prices will be lower than some of the prices being charged by other local school systems (see Attachment).

WHEREAS, The Board of Education sets prices for participation in the breakfast and lunch programs each June for the following fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, It is recommended that the current prices for meals in Fiscal Year 2012 be maintained for Fiscal Year 2013; and

WHEREAS, The Division of Food and Nutrition Services will continue to focus on outreach to students and parents as part of an ongoing, robust marketing plan to increase average daily student participation for breakfast and lunch; now therefore be it

Resolved, That lunch prices will be \$2.50 for elementary students, \$2.75 for secondary students, and 40 cents for all reduced-price eligible students; and be it further

Resolved, That breakfast prices for elementary and secondary students will be \$1.30 and students who are eligible for reduced-price meals will receive breakfast at no cost.

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Attachment

FISCAL YEAR 2013 MEAL PRICE SURVEY RESULTS

as of 05/03/2012

	Montgomery County*	Alexandria City	Anne Arundel County	Baltimore City*	Baltimore County	Charles County	Fairfax County	Frederick County*	Howard County*	Prince George's County	Queen Anne's County	Washington County
Breakfast (ES, Sec)	1.30	1.50	1.35	Provision II No Charge	1.40, 1.55	1.15, 1.30	1.50	1.10, 1.35	1.75	1.50	1.30	1.15
Elementary School Lunch	2.50	*2.35	2.60	2.25	2.90	2.25	2.65	2.00	2.50	2.60	2.25	1.95
Middle School Lunch	2.75	*2.60	2.85	2.25	3.00	2.50	2.75	2.25	3.00	2.85	2.50	2.20
High School Lunch	2.75	*2.60	2.85	2.25	3.00	2.50	2.75	2.25	3.00	2.85	2.50	2.20
Milk	0.60	0.50	0.55	Provision II No Charge	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.40	0.50	0.55	0.50	0.60
Incremental Increase:												
Breakfast	*	0.25	n/c	*	n/c	n/c	n/c	*	*	n/c	0.15	0.05
Lunch	*			*								
Elementary		*.10	n/c		n/c	0.10	n/c	*	*	n/c	0.15	0.05
Secondary		*.10	n/c		n/c	0.10	n/c			n/c	0.15	0.05
Milk	*	n/c	n/c	*	n/c	0.10	n/c	*	*	n/c	n/c	n/c

*Decision on prices for FY 2013 still pending