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TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Cambridge Public Schools – Student Breakfast and Lunch Prices for SY 2019-20

RECOMMENDATION: That the School Committee establish the following prices for school breakfast and lunch as follows:

	<u>SY 2019-20</u>	<u>Change from SY18-19</u>
PreK- 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Paid Lunch	\$2.85	\$0
High School Paid Lunch	\$3.00	\$0
Ala Carte Milk	\$0.50	\$0
Students Qualified for Reduced Price	\$0.00	\$0
Student Breakfast (All students)	\$0.00	\$0
Adult Lunch-Elementary	\$4.00	\$0
Adult Lunch-High School	\$4.50	\$0

DESCRIPTION: Because the Cambridge Public Schools meets the federal guidelines for an exemption from the Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) pricing requirements, school meal prices will not increase in SY 2019-20.

BACKGROUND: Effective July 1, 2011, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) established the requirement that school lunch programs provide the same level of financial support for lunches served to students who are not eligible for free or reduced price lunches (i.e. “paid lunch”) as for lunches served to students eligible for free lunches. This provision was enacted to ensure that federal funds intended for free and reduced price lunches are not subsidizing paid student meals. A district must either implement the federal Paid Lunch Equity Price for paid lunches (\$3.00 in FY 2019-20) or ensure that there are sufficient non-federal funds contributed such that there is a positive balance in the food program account. The district’s annual appropriation of approximately \$1 million in general funds to support the cost of the student breakfast and lunch program ensures that we meet the PLE exemption requirements.

Respectfully Submitted,

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