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TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

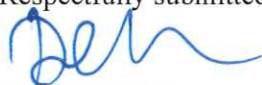
Approval of The Cambridge Public Schools –Breakfast and Lunch Prices for SY 2024 – 2025

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

	<u>SY 24 - 25</u>	<u>Change from SY23-24</u>
PreK- 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Paid Lunch	\$0.00	\$0.00
High School Paid Lunch	\$0.00	\$0.00
A la Carte Milk	\$0.00	(\$0.50)
Students Qualified for Reduced Price	\$0.00	\$0.00
Student Breakfast (All students)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Adult Lunch-Elementary	\$6.00	\$1.50
Adult Lunch-High School	\$6.00	\$1.00

- DESCRIPTION:
1. Because the State of Massachusetts implemented universal free meals for all students, we are proposing students no longer incur the associated charge for a la carte milk when bringing home lunch for SY 2024-25.
  2. Because the Cambridge Public Schools does not meet the federal guidelines for adult meal pricing, adult school meal prices must increase for SY 2024-25.

BACKGROUND: The USDA regulation regarding the meal price for teachers and staff requires that school lunch programs set pricing above the free lunch reimbursement, \$4.25, plus the per meal value of USDA food commodities, \$0.295. A district must either comply with the regulation and price the adult meal so that the adult payment, in combination with any per lunch revenues from other sources designated specifically for the support of adult meals, should be at least the amount of reimbursement received for a free lunch under Section 4 and 11 of the National School Lunch Act, plus the per-meal value of USDA food commodities.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
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 Interim Superintendent of Schools