



November 19, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Approval of Revisions to Food Service Policy

Recommendation: That the School Committee approve the revisions to the Food Service policy as detailed in the attached document.

These policy revisions are being presented for its first reading.

Description: This document contains revisions to bring the policy into alignment with the school district's current practices as a result of the implementation of the community eligibility provision of the National School Lunch Program and National School Breakfast Program which provide for breakfast and lunches to be provided to all students free of charge.

Supporting Data: Attached redline of revisions to Food Service Policy

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Murphy".

David Murphy
Interim Superintendent of Schools

EF - FOOD SERVICE

In participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the National School Breakfast Program (NSBP), and in evaluating establishing cafeterias or satellite food service for all schools, the School Committee not only wishes to provide a necessary food service for students and staff, but ~~it~~ also hopes that students will gain through ~~these lunch~~ programs an understanding and permanent habits of good nutrition.

The school breakfast and lunch programs shall be under the direction of the Food Service Director. The Food Service Director, reporting to the Chief Operating Officer, shall be responsible for the planning of food services, as well as for assuring that dietary and nutritional requirements are met in the meals served.

A "Head of Kitchen" ~~cafeteria manager~~ shall have charge of meal preparation and/or service in individual schools. In an organizational relationship, the ~~cafeteria managers~~ "Head of Kitchen" ~~is~~ are directly responsible to the ~~supervisor of cafeterias~~ Director of Food Services, but shall cooperate with the principal in matters essential to the proper functioning of the food service program. The responsibility for control of students using the cafeteria shall rest with the principal.

The School Committee shall approve the prices set for student lunches and milk. The Chief Operating Officer shall establish the price of meals for staff members, subject to the approval of the Superintendent. As required of participants in the ~~National School Lunch Program~~ and the ~~NSchool Breakfast Program~~, prices charged adults shall be higher than the prices charged students.

Additionally, the Cambridge School Committee agrees to the following regulations for participating in the program:

1. ~~Breakfasts and lunch shall be made available for students following the meal pattern and nutrient requirements of the NSLP and NSBP kits with milk, breakfasts with "a la carte" milk, or milk alone shall be served in elementary school each school morning.~~
2. Under the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) reimbursable breakfast and lunches shall be provided to all students free of charge. A "Type A" lunch shall be made available for students.
3. ~~Free and reduced-price breakfasts and lunches shall be provided students who cannot afford to pay the price of the breakfast or "Type A" lunch.~~

Students shall also be permitted to bring their lunches from home and have the ability to purchase "a la carte" milk beverages and incidental items.

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L.c. 15, §1G; M.G.L.c. 70, §2; M.G.L.c. 71, §§37K & 72

Adopted: January 17, 2023