

**ACTION ITEM**

**Date:** May 18, 2020  
**To:** Kari Cremascoli, Ph.D.  
Superintendent  
**From:** Ellen Crispino  
Business Manager/CSBO  
**Subject:** Fiscal Year 2021 Lunch Fees

**Proposed Action by Board of Education**

Move to approve the fiscal year 2021 lunch fees as contained in “Exhibit A” of this report.

**Background**

“Exhibit A”, providing ten years of historical data and the proposed 2020-21 school lunch fees, was presented and reviewed by the School Finance Committee. While the lunch fees are typically approved earlier in the year with the rest of the school fees, the District was waiting until the Nutrition Committee had completed its review of the lunch program before submitting the 2020-21 fees for approval.

**Lunch Fees**

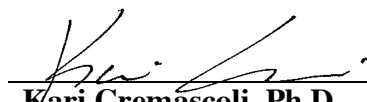
Based on last year’s results of parent and student surveys, the Nutrition Committee focused on providing desirable, “cleaner” menu items as well as increasing fruit and vegetable offerings. “Cleaner” is defined as having less preservatives, food dyes, sugar/artificial sweeteners, and/or trans fats. This year the District offered a variety of new, healthier menu items, and surveyed students regarding the changes. The survey results showed the majority of new menu items were desirable. The District also increased the variety and quantity of fresh cut fruits offered at the schools and offered new vegetable options as well.

In order to continue offering these healthier menu items, the school cooks require an extra half hour per day for food preparation. Lunch fees have not increased since FY17-18, even though costs continue to rise. Based on the current cost of food items and the additional labor cost, the recommendation is to increase lunch fees 15 cents per day for kindergarten through sixth grades and to increase the lunch fees an additional 20 cents per day for seventh and eighth grades. The lunch program is a self-sustaining program and thus the lunch fees are designed to offset costs.

The recommendation is to increase the 2020-2021 lunch fees to \$3.75 per day for kindergarten through sixth grades and \$4.15 per day for seventh and eighth grades.

**Attachment**

**Recommended for approval  
by the Board of Education**

  
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**Kari Cremascoli, Ph.D.**  
Superintendent

**Wilmette Public School District 39**  
**School Lunch Fees**  
**School Year 2020 - 2021**  
**May 18, 2020**

<i>Lunch Fee*</i>												Variance	Variance
Grade	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	(%)	(\$)
Gr. K-6	3.15	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.45	3.45	3.60	3.60	3.60	3.75	4.2%	\$0.15
Gr. 7-8	3.50	3.60	3.60	3.60	3.60	3.80	3.80	3.95	3.95	3.95	4.15	5.1%	\$0.20

\*These specific student fees are paid by parents. These programs are self-sustaining.