

Hanover Public Schools

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To: Hanover School Committee
From: Dr. Thomas Raab, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance
Lynn Petrowski, Food Service Director
Cc: Matthew A. Ferron, Superintendent of Schools
Date: June 18, 2019
Re: Proposed Increase in Lunch Prices for FY 2020

Consistent with federal guidance, I am writing to propose an increase in lunch prices for the 2019-2020 school year. Memo code SP 27-2019 states that, "School Food Authorities maintain discretion to determine their target SY 2019-20 paid lunch price, consistent with Program regulations at 7 CFR 210.14€, and adjust their meal prices accordingly." Utilization of the Paid Lunch Equity tool reveals that Hanover should be charging an average price of \$2.92 based on the number paid lunches served in October of 2018 in all schools.

Currently we charge, \$2.75 for an elementary lunch (K-4), \$3.00 for a secondary lunch (5-12), and \$4.00 for an adult lunch. On July 1, 2016, the Hanover School Committee approved a modest increase of \$0.15 cents in order to keep pace with the Paid Lunch Equity mandate. These prices have now been in place for the past two years, allowing us to successfully fund the department's expected annual rising costs.

Based on comparisons with surrounding towns, the PLE mandate, and an analysis of the Food Service Department budget, I am recommending a \$0.25 cent increase to current pricing structures effective July 1, 2019. An increase of this denomination will allow the department to keep pace with increases in operational costs, and continue to maintain sustainable funding for our budget.

Below is a comparison of surrounding towns' lunch prices for FY 2020 with Hanover's proposed pricing included.

Lunch Prices FY 2020

Town	Elementary	Middle	High
Abington	\$2.50	\$2.75	\$2.75
Hanover	\$3.00	\$3.25	\$3.25
Hingham *additional charge for gluten free meals	\$3.00	\$3.25	\$3.50
Holbrook	\$2.75	\$2.85	\$2.85
Hull	\$3.00	\$3.25	\$3.25
Marshfield	\$2.75	\$3.00	\$3.00
Norwell	\$2.75	\$3.00	\$3.25
Pembroke	\$2.75	\$3.00	\$3.25
Rockland	\$2.65	\$2.90	\$2.90
Scituate	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00
Whitman Hanson	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00

Based on our current level of meal participation, a \$0.25 cent increase income by approximately:

- \$287.50 per day
- \$50,312.50 annually (based on 175 serving days)

Your consideration for this proposed increase is greatly appreciated, please do not hesitate to contact me directly with any questions.