



# Meal Prices for 2023-2024 School Year

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## Primary “recurring” *earned revenue* sources

- Fixed per meal government reimbursements based on meals served
- Meal and ala carte cash payments and catering receivables

## Primary expenditures

- Salaries and benefits
- Food and supplies

## CNS Enterprise

relies on

student meal payments and ala carte / catering revenues to supplement government funding and offset operating costs

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## Key Projected Costs and Other FY24 Budget Impacts

- Salaries/benefits
  - Prior significant wage/benefits cost increases
  - Recently proposed increases (not factored into projected budget)
- Elevated food, packaging, and service costs
- Cessation of “bridge” funding from USDA
  - Supply Chain Assistance (\$6MIL)
  - Higher per meal served reimbursements at \$.40/lunch, \$.15/breakfast (\$3.8MIL)

**CNS Enterprise**  
pays for its expenses  
including all wages (state  
directed raises, local rate  
changes, and associated  
benefits)  
*with its earned revenues*

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## \$6.7 MIL Revenue Shortfall Cost offsets

- \$3.1MIL carryover of SCA funds to buffer FY24
- Reduction of school-based positions
- Tap CNS Net Cash Resource
- Revenue from \$ .25 lunch full-paid meal price increase

	<b>Elementary Schools</b>	<b>Middle &amp; High Schools</b>
<b>Lunch</b>	Increase \$0.25 (from \$3.00 to \$3.25)	Increase \$0.25 (from \$3.25 to \$3.50)
<b>Breakfast</b>	No Increase (\$1.50)	No Increase (\$1.75)

**CNS Enterprise**  
is bringing forward  
last year's recommendation  
for an incremental  
multi-year  
price adjustment strategy to  
manage cost increases

Questions ?