

To: ISD 917 School Board Members  
Dr. Michael Favor, Superintendent

From: Mark Johns, Director of Finance

Date: July 7, 2026

Re: FY27 ISD 917 board approved meal prices

**Information:**

- Intermediate School District 917 has renewed our participation in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) for FY27. Our Lunch Program operates at five of our locations: Alliance Education Center, Dakota County Technical College, Lebanon Education Center, Concord Education Center and DCALS North.
- CKC Good Food will again be contracting with us to provide our breakfast and lunch meals. The contract price per meal will increase by \$0.10 to **\$2.72** per breakfast and \$0.17 to **\$4.47** per lunch. This 4% increase reflects the maximum allowed increase by statute. This is the final year of our contract with CKC Good Food and ISD 917 will need to request new bids for FY28.
- ISD #917 participates in the Free School Meals program signed into law in Minnesota. As a result of our Free and Reduced student population, we are also required to participate in the Community Eligibility Provision which results in a Federal Free reimbursement rate of 77.68% and Paid reimbursement rate of 22.32%. The balance of the Paid meals reimbursement rate will be paid by the state. FY27 Reimbursement rates have not been released by the USDA as of this date.
- Historically ISD #917 transfers general fund revenues each fiscal year to balance the food service fund. In FY24, this amount was \$26,331.94 and in FY25 it was \$18,184.09. The initial FY25 transfer of \$30,829.32 was reduced as a result of Covid-era supply chain funds we were not able to defer into FY26. I anticipate a need for approximately \$35K to balance the FY26 food service fund. We continue to support the sites to manage optimal ordering quantities to limit our loss.

**Recommendation:** Per state statute, student meal prices for both breakfast and lunch will now be \$0.00. Recommend the following based on contract prices to our food vendor:

Student Breakfast \$0.00, Student Lunch \$0.00,  
**Second Meal Student Breakfast \$2.72 and Lunch \$4.47, Milk \$0.45**  
Adult Breakfast **\$3.00**, Adult Lunch **\$5.00**