

Athens Area Schools

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Dear Parents,

At the August School Board Meeting I recommended and the Board approved raising the full pay hot lunch price to \$2.60. This increase was done based on the Michigan Meal Price Calculator that we are required to use every year. While this is the second increase in two (2) years it is still below even last year's recommendation of \$2.75 from the State Department of Education's School Nutrition Office. We have to do this to stay within their guidelines or we risk having them withhold funding from our school lunch program.

I appreciate that no one likes to pay higher cost, but unfortunately based on calculation required by the state we have no other options. I think that after reflecting on this news you will agree that \$2.60 is still is a reasonable price for a complete lunch. I thank you for your understanding on this topic.

Sincerely,



Joseph C Huepenbecker

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