

Estimated Cost of Universal School Meals (USM)

With current participation in free and reduced-price lunch program

| Enrollment: 2018-2019 | Eligible free and reduced lunch: | | Not eligible: | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| | 32,000 40% | 48,000 60% | | | | |
| Lunch | Free | Reduced Price | Paid | Per Day | 175 Days | |
| Average family contribution | - | - | \$3.00 | | | |
| USDA foods contribution | \$0.36 | \$0.36 | \$0.36 | | | |
| Federal cash reimbursement | \$3.48 | \$3.08 | \$0.39 | | | |
| State | - | \$0.40 | - | | | |
| Subtotal | \$3.84 | \$3.84 | \$3.75 | \$144,000 | \$25,200,000 | |
| Breakfast | Free | Reduced Price | Paid | Per Day | 175 Days | |
| Average family contribution | - | - | \$1.84 | | | |
| USDA foods contribution | - | - | - | | | |
| Federal cash reimbursement | \$1.84 | \$1.54 | \$0.31 | | | |
| State | - | \$0.30 | - | | | |
| Subtotal | \$1.84 | \$1.84 | \$2.15 | \$88,320 | <u>\$15,456,000</u> | |
| Total Cost* | | | | | | \$40,656,000 |

Caveats:

*Assumes 100% participation in USMs. Based on participation rates in schools that have adopted USMs, the participation rate could be between 70% to 80%; however, this statistic is based on limited data for lunches and additional work is necessary to estimate likely participation rates for breakfasts.

* Does not account for additional contributions from schools due to two factors: (1) for most schools, the per-meal reimbursement and commodities provided by the federal school breakfast and lunch programs are not sufficient to cover costs; and (2) schools may have unpaid meals charges that are covered under deficit spending.

* Does not account for students attending schools that already provide USMs; however, some of these students attend independent schools that are not included in this analysis.

*Estimate includes the cost of additional state funding for reduced-price meals in independent schools districts.

* Does not account for a five-year phase in period to impement USMs in all schools.

Estimated Cost of Universal School Meals (USM)

With potential loss of federal aid

| Enrollment: 2018-2019 | Eligible free and reduced lunch: | | Not eligible: | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 20,000 25% | 60,000 75% | | | | |
| Lunch | Free | Reduced Price | Paid | Per Day | 175 Days | |
| Average family contribution | - | - | \$3.00 | | | |
| USDA foods contribution | \$0.36 | \$0.36 | \$0.36 | | | |
| Federal cash reimbursement | \$3.48 | \$3.08 | \$0.39 | | | |
| State | - | \$0.40 | - | | | |
| Subtotal | \$3.84 | \$3.84 | \$3.75 | \$180,000 | \$31,500,000 | |
| Breakfast | Free | Reduced Price | Paid | Per Day | 175 Days | |
| Average family contribution | - | - | \$1.84 | | | |
| USDA foods contribution | - | - | - | | | |
| Federal cash reimbursement | \$1.84 | \$1.54 | \$0.31 | | | |
| State | - | \$0.30 | | | | |
| Subtotal | \$1.84 | \$1.84 | \$2.15 | \$110,400 | <u>\$19,320,000</u> | |
| Total Cost* | | | | | | \$50,820,000 |

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