

Comments

Are there any other thoughts on this issue that you would like to share?

Thank you for exploring this option!

Hot lunch would be nice, but also fresh fruit or veggie bar- where they could choose an apple/ or carrots plus the meal,

No

I love this idea! I realize there is commitment to creating a foodservice environment, but it's good for the kids. I save \$ not buying her things to make for her lunch, so I think I'd pay it. Typically tray-cost is more like \$2, so this seems high, but I'm really interested in the programming.

I think this is a great idea if available

To give the option for 1-2 times a week. For example - every Tuesday and Thursday. Etc.

My daughter is autistic and the foods she will eat are very limited. I wouldn't expect the school to have things she will eat. She will likely always pack a lunch.

I'd love to have the option (even if expensive) to order school lunch. I would rather pay more for quality as well, even if that meant ordering less.

The biggest issue is that my daughter is fairly picky. So I would love to participate, but it needs to be what she likes. Not sure how you accommodate that though??

If a variety of options are available for all kids. For example, not all kids like pizza, so on pizza day if there could be another option.

Healthiness is our biggest concern

This is exciting! No thoughts or issues.

N/a

That cost is more than an entire child's hot meal at a restaurant.

I'm using having my son make himself a healthy lunch every day as a teaching tool - so we wouldn't participate in something like this.

Healthy and tasty options are key to supporting the program.

Please take into consideration that multiple student households might not be able to pay \$5/lunch per student everyday. Most families might feel once a week is all they can afford.

The quality and how healthy the lunch would be is really going to dictate whether or not my children purchase lunch at school. We most likely would only do it 2x a week.

None

Menu should go out a month ahead with sign up available

I'm probably the odd man out, but I like that kids bring their own lunches. I think my child will feel excluded with dietary restrictions.

This would be fantastic! It was such a relief to not pack lunches for my middle school daughter! Please do this!

If these are similar lunches to the 'free' lunches during covid-my child wouldn't eat any of them!

Would have to be the right price.\$3-4 range, anything higher we would not do

I'd like to participate a few days a week, but not 5 days a week. I'd only be interested if it were heavy on healthy and balanced lunches. I wouldn't be interested if it was all pizza, burgers, and standard meals that are currently available for hot lunch through PTA. Those are nice treats once in a while, but not to have everyday.

My kids are both pretty picky so having options to choose from would be very helpful.

Would there be a detailed menu of what each lunch contains? Would you be able to pick days individually that you want the lunch?

I can purchase a meal from McDonald's/Culver's/JJ for that price

We would be ecstatic to have the option of purchasing food for lunch. Thank you!

My child would probably eat more of his lunch if he saw his peers with the same lunches! He throws out a lot of the food packed from home...

Sounds like a great idea!

I know a ton of parents who would do it if it was pizza.

I'm just curious about logistics. Would you have to commit to a specific number of days per week or would it be optional by day? I'm remembering when I was growing up, we bought sets of tickets and if we were getting a lunch on a specific day, we would give our teacher one of our tickets in the morning. We would get a monthly lunch calendar so we knew which days we would use tickets ahead of time. I'm sure there are more technology-driven solutions now but that's how I'm thinking about this.

High carbohydrate and/or high sodium content foods are not healthy and should not be offered.

Having Halal option is important for us. Thanks

Thanks for considering this!

Love that we are thinking about it!!

I would be more likely to participate if I could choose which days to order. The above question I assumed meant the cost every day and would I participate every day

Another factor that would impact our usage would be lead time required to submit order for lunch.

Offered lunch could be amazing! Just worried about quality.... "mystery meat" and unidentifiable veggies are not worth it!

This is a great solution in the interim!

The food would have to be something that my children would want to eat. Also 5.50-6.50 per meal seems like an awful lot. My friend whose kids go to school in Darien said it was less than \$4 for their hot lunch program. I would be more likely to participate at that price range.

I love the breakfast option for Champions and would like the option to order lunch a few days a week and not have to commit to everyday.

Please bring this program back soon! It will help families with two working parents a great deal.

The price of \$6.50 seems high for a lunch

\$5.50-\$6.50 a day is costly with several children in school. Can you opt for only 1-2 times a week?

School food is a tough thing to get right as I worked in the field for years. I think the most important aspect is to have FRESH products be apart of the lunch- No canned fruits or veggies, quality bread and protein products, low sodium and fat items that taste good. For the price point not sure if that is sustainable. Thank you for researching this and trying to find a solution!

Thank you!

Given that the hot meals at the junior high are priced at \$4.25, \$5.50-\$6.50 for a cold meal is utterly absurd.

Would rather have more fun lunches than a lunch program

I think its a great option for busy parents

Would snack be available too for them? Figuring if you don't have to pack as lunch and then snack too....

If the current lunch options are similar to what you have in mind for this program there would be no way I would pay or my child would feel fulfilled by the meal. The price range for a cold lunch seems very steep. I would hope that if you are considering a breakfast option for Champions that you are also considering a free breakfast for our students that qualify for free and reduced lunch options.

After school options for Champions

Would LOVE this option!

Please do what you can so all the kids eat. Many of us have a lot of money, but I bet 15% couldn't use breakfast lunch and a snack to take home too

PLEASE GOD HOT LUNCH

Please go beyond pizza , hotdog or any junk food. It doesn't have to be all green but it would be nice if it is homemade like food.

The lunches need to be a balance of healthy and that the kids like them . Would also want the menu in advance to pick which days we buy lunch/

We want warm, fresh food not fast food/defrosted. Please

Ala carte items would be a nice option as well. Thanks

Would be more interested if you offered a variety of food options (i.e. I have one child who does not like lunch meat, so cold sandwiches everyday would not work for us)

I would be looking for a school boxed meal in the \$2-5 range. If meals are only offered at \$5.50+, I would only purchase them if the meal was very delicious that my kids are excited about, and/or in a rare circumstance when I am short on time for packing lunches. If the lunch has to be ordered in advance, then the second circumstance would not apply. I am using a reference point of a Chipotle kids meal, which is a hot food option that is nutritious, includes protein and vegetable, and is delicious for \$5. I struggle to think about paying \$6.50 for a cold, boxed meal.

Suggest flexibility to buy lunch either week to week or only on certain days. We would be unlikely to commit to purchasing full months or trimesters at a time.

No

Can we have taste tests first? Samples? Kids are picky

A full allergen list, food prep operation needs to be public and same price for allergy verse non allergy

Thank you for looking into this! We appreciate it.

If there was an option of fresh fruit/vegetables, and healthy cooked meals instead of deep fried items, and heated canned food, I would sign up my son for the lunch program.

Not really.

For households with both parents working outside the home, this would be AMAZING.

Not interested in program, this comes down to parents being lazy and not wanting to pack lunches

The current food provided for free and reduced lunches is unappetizing and rarely eaten by students. Is the current vendor the district is planning to work with the same vendor who currently provides these lunches? If so, I would not consider paying for those lunches.

I would be more interested if there are flexible options (choosing to purchase one week, and not the other, or being able to withdrawal easily)

This would be a great option if it can be made available

It's an issue because my child really only likes hot lunch , but I would be interested to see the options given.

Quality of food would be a big factor

Thanks for eliciting preliminary feedback!

Can we make fun lunch options healthier?

I think even if we can cater quality lunches once a week as an option it would ease the burden on parents!

I think this is a great option!

Re: motivators... this is a fun option for kids. Buying lunch at school was always exciting

Would like more information about possible lunch options and healthy choices. Thanks!

Not at this time.

I would need to know what kinds of lunches would be available before deciding. At most would utilize this 1/2 times a week as we pack lunch and that is fine and more affordable

Would love school lunch options!

If the meals or anything, like the meals that were provided during the Covid lockdowns, then I would absolutely not be interested in paying six dollars a day for that meal. They were of relatively poor quality and not very healthy options.

I'd want some flexibility so they could buy lunch at school some days but still bring it from home other days.

I think this would be so helpful for parents!

It's important to me to sign up as needed. If it's either all or nothing, then I would not do a lunch program exclusively. I'd like to have lunch at the school for my children 1-2 days per week without a big commitment, like they do in Middle School. .

Healthy food options are important. Not just a deli sandwich and a bag of chips.

\$5.50-6.50 is too expensive. I would be more inclined to participate in the \$3-4 range

Feeding kids is a good idea.

Please make sure that families could choose various days of the week for program and dont make the choice be only 5 days

This would really help reduce the stress on parents at home especially when trying to balance everything else! Plus it will empower my student to be more independent and make meaningful choices.

Please offer it

no

Curious if it could be select days of the week that we choose or if it's all or nothing. Thank you! :)

Could it be utilized on not every day basis. Like if it's fish and we need to skip that day—we don't pY?

Our child won't be able to participate in this as they are in 5th grade.

Some kids have larger appetites and would like an option to have extra for that.

I would probably only participate if I were able to do so on a day-by-day basis. If I had to opt in for a whole week or month, it probably wouldn't work for us.

It would have to be interesting. Not just a piece of turkey slapped on white bread.

Would we need to order the meals in advance? If so, a calendar of meals sent in advance each month would be necessary so that we can pick and choose which days we want to do the meal program. If there is something on the menu that I know my child wont eat, I would skip that day.

I am very interested in having a lunch program for my kids!

It needs to taste good and have healthy items.

If lunch could be ordered day of that would be helpful, I know some districts do it this way and others have you pre order for the week or the month, which I find to not be as helpful to parents

I would be interested if the options are low in sugar and high in nutrition, and not processed.

Teaching about and modeling healthy eating and a positive relationship to food would be a valuable addition to the learning happening in district 58.

If we had a menu ahead of time to pick and choose, it would be more enticing. I would not want to pay for all of the meals every day. I would want to pick and choose which meals ahead of time that my child would like from week to week.

It would be great to see the menu in advance and be able to opt in by day maybe a week or month in advance.

Getting the price down for a lower weekly fee is a priority

How far in advance do you need to order the lunch by?

Being able to choose which days to have lunch provide and which days to bring lunch from home. Also lunches need to be 20-25 minutes for kids to eat.

Please share ANY district nearby which charges that much for an elementary lunch, absurd.

Very interested depending on what is offered. For a cold lunch if it's all the same all the time or all sandwiches, I don't anticipate my child wanting this option as much as hot lunch.

The price is A LOT. \$130 a month is unaffordable for most people who aren't RICH.

If the cost was closer to \$3 each I would do it.

real sugar, not HFCS or sweetener, real butter, no artificial food dye, no artificial flavors

Its hard to gage a price on not knowing what the food options are. I do feel that is expensive. Last year at oneill it was 3.25 for a meal which was great. This year we are paying more and my son is not happy with the food. So i find that to be disappointing to be paying so much more for the same pizza as last year I think the district is getting too much pressure from parents on this. Expecting the Jr High to prepare food for themselves AND the elementary schools is asking too much. It's not that hard to pack a lunch every day for your kid. AND it's cheaper to pack a lunch at home, it definitely doesn't cost me \$5 per day like the school lunch would. Let me know if you want me to come to any meetings and back up the school district on saying no to this ridiculous demand :)

Like i indicated in the alergen section, my daughter can have no dairy. The federal government still pushes dairy as a major component as a school lunch. If pur lunches are tied in part to that federal fundeing and their rules, we would be opting out. The state of IL has passed a law to help with this, but not sure how effective it has been to allpw more non dairy options.

Even once a week would be great!

Launch options during pandemic were not very good, kids were getting frozen corn and carrots to eat, tiny apples that were tasteless; they offered snacks instead of meals, wasn't able to sustain older students, and there was no oversight re:the quality of the meals. If the same vendor will be involved, we're not interested at all. All (Our) kids deserve better nutrition than that and opportunity to build good habits and not make poor choices just for the sake of convenience.

I fully support this initiative!

Easier sign up process and communicate it. It should not come from the PTA.

I wouldn't do an everyday program but would love the option to purchase lunches on days they are available

It would be nice to have the option of a lunch, but we would mostly be using it on days where we forgot the lunches or were running late, not on a regular basis. Also, school lunches are notoriously terrible, so it would be great if this could be improved.

Love the idea

The amount I'm willing to pay would be directly linked to the quality of the food. Would there also be an option to purchase some days, but not every day?

Would be nice to have option to purchase by the day or full week. If the child does not like some menu items, it would allow flexibility with purchasing.

I absolutely do not want to participate

The cost is the only thing that would prevent me from buying more often. But at this cost, I'd buy at least 1x per week. Bring on lunch!!!

The foods would need to be as veggie and fruit forward as possible with minimal processing for the proposed cost per meal and for me to want my child to participate

Love the idea of a lunch program!

Increase of waste generated by all the packaging and the uneaten food, because the likelihood of the food tasting good is likely low.

no

Children with dietary requirements should pay same price as those with more flexible diets. Thank you

Depending on the offer I could anticipate a 1 or 2 times a week order but not everyday

More affordable options would be preferred as I understood Herrick offers in the \$4.50 range

I'd be willing to pay that price per meal if the meals are healthy. Otherwise I'd just pack. Thank you!

I would love to see a delicious healthy lunch option!

I love this!

Quality food would be awesome! And things that kids like...pasta salads, etc

For the right price and convenience I would 1000% love to do school lunches!

The quality and variety of school lunches have historically been over processed, meat/grain based, and inadequate in FRESH fruits and vegetables. It would take a well executed plan for healthy lunch options for my child to even think about joining. Would have to see what the options are before making a final decision.

N/A

This is a good idea and I'm glad to see the district is considering it.

\$5.50-\$6.50 a lunch is essentially a step below an average take out meal. The quality of those meals need to be high to charge those and not just for the school to make a giant profit off of...

It would be nice to have options to buy lunch 1, 2, 3, 4, or all 5 days of the week.

I don't spend that much money on myself for lunch so I'm definitely not spending that on my kids daily. I think it's a great option for our free/reduced families because it sounds like there will be better food choices for those kids.

We'd likely participate a couple times per week. I also assume this would be included in middle school.

Love the idea! Hope it will work out!

I think full lunches should be priced at 4 dollars

Younger kids are very picky eaters which makes this hard.

At least two choice options

Would love to see the lunch program offered!

Thanks for your work on this topic!

Would love this!

The gluten sensitivity and general lack of healthy choices in school lunch programs makes me less willing to enroll. If GF and healthy options were available, I'd participate.

Quality of food, including mostly organic and avoiding processed foods, would be necessary for me to consider participating.

\$25/week seems a bit steep - MS lunch currently is \$4.25. I realize this price would include the transport of meals, but I would be hesitant to sign up for lunch every day if it was over \$5. I would consider this on the "off weeks" for Friday Fun Lunch" if over \$5. Thank you for asking!

Hot lunch should be served at every school. Every child deserves a hot lunch especially if they can't get one at home! Some students are homeless!

It would be nice to have the option.

We would love to not have to make lunches but would only buy if there are healthy-ish options. Nicer fruits, veg, yogurt etc.

It would be great with a cold option for the cost to be \$5 or less.

Proposed cost seems high, especially for a non-hot lunch

Approximately \$6 per day seems excessive compared to other IL districts. Further explanation of this price point would be helpful.

We would not participate daily, but would like the opportunity to have the kids try new foods (and get a break from packing lunch).

thank you for considering an elementary meal program!

None

Thank you for coordinating and asking for feedback from parents/guardians!

I think offering lunch options for all elementary students is a wonderful idea however the cost I feel is too expensive! While it is helpful that those who qualify for free/reduced lunch would be able to receive the lunches, for those families who are not too far above that income limit, \$27.50-\$32.50 per week is a lot of money to have to spend to receive the school lunch. I feel this will be cost prohibitive for a decent amount of families and therefore creates an inequity.

It would be nice to be able to choose the number of days per week we elect it. It would also depend on the menu as my kid is picky.

I hope that fresh fruit and vegetables will be a part of these meals and that at minimum one meal per week will be vegetarian.

I'm used to getting breakfast and lunch for the kid. It's not too much bother most days. I do enjoy the fun lunch days though, but I see those as once in a while special occasions.

We participated in school lunches supported during the pandemic and I was concerned with the volume of processed high fat, high sugar food provided. I appreciated that there was always a fruit and veggie, but my child basically always chose to ignore those because he could choose the processed food. If I were going to pay that price, it would have to be focused on fresh and healthy Whole Foods to be worth that price.

That's way too expensive for an elementary school lunch.

It would be helpful to be able to buy lunch by the day vs week.

Ease/time needed to pass out food (currently only 20 min to eat)

It would be nice to be able to have the option to order lunch for any single day, and be limited to having to order lunch everyday.

Commitment to some days but not all

This is great! I would probably still like to pack their lunch several times per week though. Having this option is nice.

Would be interested in under \$5 lunch if still on State program

Would love the option of choosing how many times a week to participate.

What happens to the leftover food? Is there a waste plan?

Variety of beverage options would be a great addition to the program

I would need to know more details about the types of food offered before I can accurately answer.

We have a picky eater. Else, we'd love a lunch option.

Knowing who is making the lunches or where the food comes from

Would not use everyday, but would use at least once or twice a week

My son said he'd like soft pretzels, hot dogs, and pasta

N - A

If the lunches are all packaged in single serving / plastic bags or containers, I will skip any regular lunch orders. While the ease of this is welcome, we are very focused on reusable containers- and my hope is that the district will consider this in their decision. Also I worry about an impact to food waste with how much I see food thrown away by kids!

Price is out of range for daily purchase. Participation would depend on how far in advance the lunch would be ordered/ v. Day of decision and variety of options

I absolutely love this idea!

Helpful to include nutrition information for kiddos with diabetes

I'm concerned about time. My daughter doesn't seem to have enough time to eat when she walks in the lunchroom with lunch in hand. How will lunches be distributed quickly?

Strongly support a meal program that eliminates the need for government free and reduced lunch; Happy to pay more to cover the cost across participants in a meal plan

From what I understand, a lot of elementary school age children are picky eaters such that the desired level of variety or healthiness objectives might not be achieved.

I would LOVE a lunch option for my kids! Sign me up!

None

It's hard to know how interested I am without knowing what type of options are available in a cold lunch. I have been a lunch supervisor and seen what the free lunches look like and would not be interested in that type of meal.

The price seems high for a day to day lunch option

My one son absolutely loved hot lunch in the CPS school system when he was in Kindergarten. My kids are tired of the same old thing that we make them at home. Thank you.

Having a school lunch option would be AMAZING!!! Not having to pack lunches would be a huge help to our family!

Facility that does not cross contaminate with above allergens

Obviously healthy options is a concern, but my son is special needs and has sensory issues. So having options will be helpful.

Quality of food and choice is important

The high school charges \$5.50 for a hot cheeseburger combo. I think might be too much for a cold box lunch.

Would love hot lunch to be added!!!

I LOVE this! Our daughter gets picky when we pack lunch but tries new things when lunch is provided and she has to work with it. And not packing lunch every AM would be great.

Not interested in box lunch option

Option of not purchasing the meals on some days and sending home lunch

I would probably be an occasional purchaser - maybe once per week for a food they like?

i would be curious to see the quality of food choices.

Food quality matters. If the food quality at the middle schools is not good - so if this is an expansion of that program I would consider a wider district lunch plan a waste of district resources.

When hot meals are available it'll be nice to have good quality food available not a pre packaged fast food menu. Thank you

As \$5.50-\$6.50 is more than costs to pack a lunch, I would be more likely to participate if you could choose days rather than needing to commit to 5 days a week.

Providing menus and giving parents the option to choose whether they want to pack a lunch or buy lunch on a weekly basis would be helpful. Kids can be picky so knowing what's on the menu in advance is helpful

No

I have no frame of reference, but was very surprised at the \$5.50-\$6.50 price point. I feel like that's how much I might pay for my own lunch, an adult portion with enough time to eat it all. I thought a school lunch (again, no frame of reference) might be \$4.00 now. If the meals were very high quality/healthy, I would still consider.

Health food that tastes good. In the past the meals that were provided were so bad that he would skip eating them and choose hunger

The kids love getting lunch at school and we are 100% in support of the initiative.

Kid friendly/tasty options that are also healthy enough for picky eaters. Pizza, grilled cheese etc. also figuring out how much advance sign up time is required

I think this is wonderful and am willing to help in any way to get this up and rolling!

Concern about food waste. Can kids bring leftovers home. How to schedule days wanting lunch.

It would be so nice to have this as we are far behind other elementary school districts

My kids are picjy eaters so I'd need to make sure that the foods are things they would eat. If they don't like the food, I don't want them to go without eating

Partnering with the high school food provider is a way we keep costs down at the elementary school I work at.

It would be nice to have an organic option. And for dietary restricted options not to cost more than the regular options.

Would prefer to be able to pick and choose days instead of being locked into every day

129 has lunch for \$2.50 for the elementary. Naperville is \$3.15. I understand increasing price for quality, but \$5.50-6.50 is a significant jump and will add up with multiple kids using it regularly. Why is it not 3.25 like the middle school lunch? Expand the middle school cafeteria program to prep food in the AM to deliver to the other schools instead of having it 'catered' by exterior programs that cost more. Then it's just logistics for delivery/counts and food safety with cooling/warming until the cafeterias are built. Grateful this is finally being considered since parents get scolded about the food they send for their children, it makes sense the district should be providing an acceptable lunch that fits their own requirements.

Hot school lunch should also be affordable for all families in addition to being healthy and quality.

The price seems high but I am not totally aware of what a lunch would cost either since we are just a kindergarten family!

Quality over quantity is key. Whole ingredients and no preservatives are very important

My family of three future students would participate once or twice a week if they liked what was on the menu. I would say more or less times- all depending on if they like it or not.

Prioritizing quality, healthy food is important for children.

I would consider ordering lunch occasionally as a change of pace for my children, but would not sign up if it requires getting the lunch every day.

No

offering lunch at the school will be a tremendous help for parents

I do not want to participate in this program. I like to prepare my children's lunches and do not want funding going towards this in our elementary schools.

My child would probably prefer a choice in meal versus everyone having the same thing.

Offer a la crate options. Priced \$2-3 some kids won't eat an entire meal but rather an item from meal

Offer Ala crate items to purchase in the \$1-3 range for this picky eaters who won't eat an entire meal

Would like hot meal lunches at Indian Trail Elementary

Really looking forward the the option.

none

Would this be a program where you have to purchase the entire week, or could you select day by day? How much in advance would you receive a schedule pertaining to the lunch options being offered?

For our child with Celiac Disease to be able to participate in this program, the food prep area would need to be separate from the area where gluten is prepared and handled, and the staff would need to be well educated on protocols for handling food in a safe way for people with this illness (no cross contamination, change gloves, etc.) I feel that it is so unlikely that we could trust the food prep, our child would likely not be able to participate in this program.

I would not want to participate every day and hope that would not be a requirement of the program

For the price point listed, we would occasionally participate for a cold lunch.

I would be interested in hot lunches 1-2 days/week, but not every day

I'd like to ensure there is quality protein and vegetable options. With zero sugar allowed

Sometimes, if kids are unable to bring food from home, if the school provides variety of options...this can be considered

Cost seems high

5.50 - 6.50 seems extremely high

My children are extremely picky eaters, so it is unlikely we could take advantage of this, but I fully support having this option. It is hugely convenient for parents. Thank you for looking into this.

Thanks!

no

Make prices comparable to middle school lunch prices

None

Since lunch time is only 20 minutes long, the meals should be an appropriate size & price to account for such a short time to eat.

I would like the option to buy lunch a few days a week

no

Would an additional survey be sent out to vote/consider specific lunch menu items? Would breakfast at Champions be able to be requested on a day to day basis, or would sign up need to be completed the week before, or would it be a full time commitment?

no

I really appreciate you making hot lunches an option. It would really help alleviate pressure/stress around getting lunches ready every day for our kids. Thank you!

For \$5.50, the food should be fresh fruits/vegetables and of high quality. Any meat should be high quality as well

I'd like to see flexible purchasing options because I don't know how frequently I'll use it; some weeks twice per week, other weeks might be five meals per week.

My children are very picky eaters so we would be unlikely to participate. I also spend less than this per lunch for my children on average.

is \$2.75 for an elementary school and \$3 for a middle or high school, up from pre-pandemic. The average for Illinois is 2.20-2.50. This should not be a way for the school to make a profit. We don't need drinks - tap water from home is free the best for them. You should be able to provide a somewhat healthy (protein, fruit, veg) meal to them for around \$2-3/day.

Cost seems very high

No juice, pop, or chocolate milk. No candy

Would there be an option to select this for not all 5 days ?

Cost per lunch is too expensive.

The price does seem high for cold boxed lunch

Must be high quality food. Children have said the hot lunch options that are available do not look good/appealing. To quote the kids "the food looks gross."

It is significantly less expensive to pack a lunch than to buy one. So, at this point, I will continue to pack.

Why would the price be so high? Most programs I am finding in the area average around \$3.75-\$4.25

I would be more interested if there is a monthly menu so we could choose which days to bring a lunch and which days to eat the school lunch.

I am very interested in this program, however the price seems high. I would be extremely more interested if it were \$1-\$2 cheaper.

I am on our school PTA. Dr. Russell's comments at the board meeting about 'leaning heavily' on the PTA to help subsidize costs when a board member questioned the price at the middle school level were completely out of touch. Maybe the 'rich schools' in DG can afford to, but our PTA just barely manages to cover the once or twice a month Fun Lunch options for students with a financial need. To potentially put it on the PTA to cover the costs for any family that is above the threshold for assistance but still can't fund \$6.50 per day is ridiculous and impossible. (It is utterly laughable that a number that high was proposed for a cold lunch in the first place.)

This price point seems high for cold lunches

My son is very basic. My concern is what would be offered.

Food waste is a big concern as well, knowing that many items provided in school lunches are not eaten, packaged, and thrown away.

No

As a Puffer graduate (20 years ago), I miss the days of the rectangle cheese pizza and chocolate milk. Great memories.

I would want to see a menu before buying.

Cost is a driving factor, as home lunches are very inexpensive.

Lower price would be better

The price seems VERY high. For this amount of money I would want to see a well balanced meal, but just chips and a sandwich or a slice of pizza

I think there are a variety of issues at play here. It is important that students who qualify for free/reduced meals are able to access that. Quality food should be available for all students as well. I'd like to see a sample menu from the vendors being considered to be able to truly gauge interest. The price point means more when you know exactly what you're getting

Not a concern at the elementary level. Way too much needed to implement, and will be sparingly used.

Could you select which days you could participate, say only on Mondays and Fridays or 1 day a week?

Ability to order certain days and not every day

It would nice to prep book which days

Please do this!

N/A

According to the School Nutrition Association, the median cost of lunch is \$2.75 for an elementary school. Will the district consider underwriting any portion of the cost of school lunches?

This is an amazing idea!

would love organic as much as possible but I realize that is a stretch

I don't think this is a good idea. We would not participate.

Hot and cold options?

If there isnt enough time to get the lunch and eat it, then we will not be purchasing.

Would like to have weekly option to opt-in or opt-out

I'd love for the program to allow partial participation, not just all or nothing. For example, we'd elect to buy lunch 2-3 days/week and pack lunches the other days.

The price range of lunches is high compared to other school lunches I see at the \$3.50-4.25 ranges. To make this more accessible to families, look for options that reduce the price without sacrificing food quality

Glad the district is interested in getting families opinions on a lunch program

I would hope we could find a plan that was more in the 3-4\$ range. My school has a lower price point. It is possible. Shop around? Thanks

Very much needed. Healthy options please!

Question. Could u get lunch only days you dont being lunch or are you locked into all in or all out?

The soon the better!

Would it be an option to pick X number of days a month for hot lunch? Is menu the same each week/month? Is this Pre-pay or billed to PushCoin?

Cost seems high compared to other districts

we might not use it, but it would be an excellent option for some families in our district

I believe the district should offer a hot lunch program to all children the main reason is for instance my children come home very hungry causing us to spend more money on groceries because they eat lunch come home have to eat a snack and then eat dinner just something to think about

It seems expensive to so every day if I am paying the full price, but it would be nice to have the option. We would probably do once a week.

Hopefully the board decides to go through with this. It would be make our lives as parents much easier.

Lunches would be great, but would need to be real foods, not just snacks!

Could sample or example lunches be shared? Would price Change depending on the content of the lunch that day/week? How early would a parent have to sign up and could it be purchased "ad-hoc" as needed maybe a day or two in advance (or a week in advance?) for whatever days you want?

Knowing ingredients ahead of time would be great. Not sure if this is a common parent concern.

One of my biggest concerns would be increased waste. If this will result in a lot of extra garbage and single-use plastics ending up in our landfill, then I have no interest.

Looking at the lack of desire in the middle schools for the food, I think this is a waste of the districts time and resources.

I would be all for this, just wish the price was a bit lower. Calculating out our groceries and making a lunch is less per week and that is for 1 child. I would think with a large number of children participating, the cost per lunch would be significantly lower (\$3-3.50/lunch) Or would this be a profits over go to school or PTA? Would we have option to select specific days Lunch is provided as opposed to brought from home?

At the 5.50-6.50 price I would expect very high quality food and would likely not be a daily participant, maybe 1-2 days per week.

I would be interested in buying lunch for specific meals based on a menu. I would pack my kids lunches most days but buy hot lunch for a specific menu item, like pizza day.

no

N/A

\$6/day is kind of expensive. I understand it is because there arent on-site facilities at the school, etc, but not knowing the kind of food available, its hard to commit to this price. If we're talking ham & cheese on white bread with an apple and a cookie, then the cost is pretty high. I'm very interested to see menu options. Would we be able to opt in or out on a week by week or even day-by-day basis?

I have one picky kid and one who's not, so if I was going to order, it would be occasional and I'd have to know well advance what the menu is offering

I love the idea but price is too high

\$5.50-\$6.50 is really expensive for a COLD box lunch! I'd pay that amount for a hot lunch program, but a box lunch is what? a sandwich, chips, cookie, and a drink? Absolutely not for that price. Maybe for like \$3.50. I would really recommend reducing the cost of this option, considering you'd be charging the same amount as a Herrick hot lunch.

Lunches should include vegetables and should have zero added sugar or sugar substitute

While I very much appreciate that you are exploring this option for D58, I feel that the cost is high for a cold box lunch. For that cost, I am more likely to pack a lunch myself so that I can ensure it contains healthy options and is fresh. Perhaps we can explore having more fun lunches in the interim and until a full hot lunch is available.

Highly processed foods should be avoided.

Participation depends on what's offered. Is it things my kids like? And price. I can see my kids buying it occasionally. Not every day unless it's good they really like.

I would be more inclined to use the program if I could choose the days the kids have the prepackaged lunch if planned in advance.

If it is going to be that expensive I would probably only participate a couple times a week. If that is an option.

I think the price for elementary lunch is high! I would pay closer to \$3.50-\$5 max

I think this would be great and our family would definitely take advantage of these lunches!

Didn't IL just pass the free school lunches for all bill? Why would it cost so much money per lunch? Providing fresh, nutritious food for all students would reduce the stigma for those who cannot afford it.

I would participate in this type of program a few days a week but never all 5 days a week! Would be good to offer it 2-3 times a week

I would like to know how this would work- does the account get charged? Is it a refillable card? Monthly package? Etc.

I would love school lunch, but \$5.50-6.50 for a daily kids lunch would be too expensive to consider daily.

Please consider pb and j

Herrick meal selections are ideal and hope can be replicated for k-6

We tired the lunch when it was offered right after Covid and it wasnt good , most of the food was still frozen when served to the kids

That price is high for two kids, but I would probably let them get it once a week or once every other week.

When in another district- the lunches were only about \$3 a piece???

I think having meals accessible on days they want to purchase a lunch is a great option.

My school used to offer school lunch prior to COVID, it was disappointing to see it not return and get no explanation as to why \$5.50-6.50 per kid per day would really add up. Would be good to have the option to purchase lunch 2-3 times per week and bring lunch the other days. Flexibility would be good.

None

The pricing seems a little high for a cold lunch option. I could see that pricing for hot lunch options. If that is the cost I probably couldn't afford to participate daily and would have to choose days.

Cost might make it a deal breaker

I would be interested in this program if it offered healthy/nutritious options.

The whole program is too expensive.

No thanks

We would participate a couple days each week if offered.

It's a great idea. My kids are just too picky and won't eat the food.

The cost seems pretty high. Junior high is only \$4.25 and that still adds up quickly.

\$5.50-\$6.00 a day is pricey.

Variety and quality of food, how far in advance would orders be needed. Do you have to buy full weeks or could it be certain days?

Thank you for considering a lunch option. In my opinion, \$5 is fair. That seems to be on the high end. However, to consider a lunch meal I would need the quality and healthy of the foods to be highly considered. Fruit, vegetable, protein and a grain. Good luck. Can't make everyone happy but do what's best for the kids.

Cost and options will play a big role if only a cold lunch. Hot lunches could cost the proposed amount.

The health of the food matters greatly to me. I would not want to pay for lunch regularly if it consists of highly processed, convenient food. It's okay from time to time but not on a regular basis. Therefore, the only way I would want to participate is if the kids have real food (fruits, vegetables whole grains) and I recognize this is difficult to do at scale and avoid food waste.

The menu of food available would impact our family's use of the program, as I have a fairly picky eater (at least currently).

I don't think you're going to get useful information from the question about price when there's no explanation of what's going into the meal. As it stands, \$5.50 for a cold lunch seems high unless you're going to explicitly detail that the food is going to be all high-quality (organic, unprocessed foods). I really hope that you are going to meal vendors with expected nutritional content and quality, rather than just a price.

Thanks

School lunch would be great but I worry about kids having to bring money to school or purchase a punch card. It would be great if there was a way for the kids to give their name or somehow pay for lunch without having to remember to bring something with them to the lunch room. I know my son would lose a card. Ordering ahead like we do for fun lunch is a good idea.

I will soon have three children attending Hillcrest. \$5.50-6.50 per lunch is a bit expensive for a cold lunch. Any chance we can reduce the price? Perhaps with a reduced price there will be more consistent and frequent purchasers, thus reducing cost by buying more in bulk? I would prefer to spend less than \$20 per week for 5 days of cold lunch. If under \$4, I would buy 5 days but if it's in the \$5.50-\$6.50 range I would only be able to commit to 3 days per week. Is there a way to get parent volunteers to help run the program to reduce the cost?

The price seems high for multiple kids.

No

I am interested in hot food for the kids, but wouldn't want to spend \$6 on a PBJ and chips - that is easy and cheap to make at home. So the "cold lunch" packed lunch is not especially incentivizing.

Simple foods to teach basic nutrition is best

Why is this only for cold lunches? I thought co deliveries the already hot and prepared lunches to "lockers" on-site that would be kept warm?

Why is this so difficult? District needs to get moving in this ASAP. Hot lunch can be done in the interim

why no hot food? Seems like it can easily be catered

Quality really matters if we will buy lunch. The kids have to eat it.