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FROM: Dr. Peter H. Gray
Assistant Superintendent of Finance

TO: Natick School Committee
Anna P. Nolin, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Elementary School Lunch Price Increase

As part of our annual review of programs across the district, it has come to my attention that the current meal price for elementary school needs to be adjusted for the following reason(s):

- 1) As part of their recent review of our food services program, the MA DESE Federal School Lunch program has indicated we are out of compliance as it relates to their meal equity calculation. Our current meal price of \$2.50, as compared and weighted across the district should equal to or exceed \$2.93. This will be a finding in our upcoming audit if an adjustment is not made.
- 2) A review of surrounding districts indicates the following:

Lunch	
District	Elem \$
Ashland	\$2. 65
Wayland	\$3. 50
Wellesley	\$3. 25
Hopkinton	\$2. 75
Holliston	\$3. 25

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- 3) To the best of our knowledge we have not had an elementary school lunch program price increase in our elementary schools in the last six years plus.

Considering all of the above factors, I am recommending the School Committee increase the elementary school lunch price to \$3.00 per meal effective March 1, 2020 in anticipation of our upcoming DESE audit.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank-you.

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