



CANTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Kevin D. Case
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Canton Board of Education at its meeting of March 13, 2008, reluctantly approved a \$0.50 price increase for all school lunches effective April 1, 2008. Lunch prices at Cherry Brook Primary School and at Canton Intermediate School will be \$2.75. At Canton Middle School and Canton High School lunch prices will be \$3.00. The price of milk and a la carte items will remain unchanged at this time.

The District has had to make this change due to the current financial state of the cafeteria program. The last price increase approved by the Board of Education was a \$0.50 increase in 2003. Over the last 10 years, lunch prices have only increased by \$1.00. Due to increases in food, energy, and labor costs the cafeteria program has not been able to generate sufficient funds to operate as a "break even" program and has required that the Board of Education subsidize the program for the past several years. While our current vendor, Whitsons Culinary Group, has been able to reduce labor costs, food sales have decreased an average of \$41 per day while the cost of food and supplies has risen by more than 5%.

We are working closely with Whitsons Culinary Group to provide high quality, healthy foods to our students at each of our schools. We expect our lunch program to be of the highest quality and are continuously looking for feedback.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the cafeteria program, please feel free to contact Jerry Domanico, Business Manager, who has oversight of the program. He will be more than happy to speak with you regarding your concerns.

Sincerely,

Kevin D. Case
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