

Office of the Superintendent of Schools
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland

September 14, 2022

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education
From: Monifa B. McKnight, Superintendent of Schools
Subject: Cost of Universal Meals (07-26-2022-01-B-1)

Question

During the July 26, 2022, Board meeting, Board members requested the cost of universal meals in all Montgomery County Public Schools.

Response

Universal Meals Pilot Schools

The Division of Food and Nutrition Services (DFNS) implemented a universal meals model at nine schools in school year 2018–2019, which was expanded to 17 schools in the 2019–2020 school year. The schools reflected in the following table started the 2022–2023 school year as Universal Meals Pilot Schools. Students in these schools will receive breakfast and lunch at no charge. Additional schools will be considered once the official FARMS numbers are finalized in early November 2022.

2022–2023 Universal Meals Pilot Schools	
Arcola Elementary School	MacDonald Knolls Early Childhood Center
Blair G. Ewing Center at Avery Road (Rockville)	New Hampshire Estates Elementary School
Blair G. Ewing Center at Clover Leaf (Germantown)	Roscoe R. Nix Elementary School
Blair G. Ewing Center at Plum Orchard (Silver Spring)	Rolling Terrace Elementary School
Gaithersburg Elementary School	South Lake Elementary School
Georgian Forest Elementary School	Summit Hall Elementary School
Harmony Hills Elementary School	Up County Early Childhood Center
Kemp Mill Elementary School	Watkins Mill Elementary School
JoAnn Leleck Elementary School at Broad Acres	

Cost for Universal Meals at all Schools

The estimated cost of universal meals in all schools is \$12,447,603. This estimate allows credit for the Maryland Meals for Achievement (MMFA) reimbursements and the funding from the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) for all of the reduced category meals.

This estimate does not include any participation increases that may be realized by universal meals at all schools.

**Universal Meals
Paid and Reduced Meals Reimbursements
(Based on FY 2019 Meal Counts)**

Meal Type	Meal Status	Quantity	Cost	Total
Breakfast All Levels Less MMFA	Paid	1,578,198	\$ 1.30	\$ 2,051,657.40
Lunch-Elementary	Paid	2,470,431	\$ 2.55	\$ 6,299,599.05
Lunch-Secondary	Paid	1,462,981	\$ 2.80	\$ 4,096,346.80
Total		5,511,610		\$ 12,447,603.25

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Barbara W. Harral, director of food and nutrition services, via email.

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