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Greetings Mr. Andalon,

Regarding your request for documentation supporting the 2023-24 price increase above the standard consumer Price Index, please reference the details below and save for your records.

The customary CPI used in the School Nutrition industry is the Food Away from Home category. From December 2021 to December 2022, the Food Away from Home CPI for West Region was 9%<sup>1</sup>, while the general Food category rose 10.2%.

Earlier this year the USDA released a CPI-driven increase in the Summer Food Service Program reimbursement rate for 2023 of 8.5%. As expected, the NSLP and SBP funding increases should be announced around June of this year. The current USDA-funded reimbursement rate is \$4.43, and should that witness a similar 8.5% increase, the new revised rate will be about \$4.80, an increase of \$.37.

While the Los Angeles Food Away from Home CPI is currently below 7%, some key factors supporting our ask are displayed in table below, showing many of the most frequently used items in the NSLP and SBP meal patterns and their respective increases. We feel the numbers reported are somewhat conservative in their stated values as we have witnessed many increases much higher than shown below.

#### Dec '21 to Dec '22 NSLP & SBP Meal Pattern Related Component Increases

Item & Group	12 Month Increase <sup>2 3</sup>
Cereals and bakery products	14.8%
Beef	5% - 6%
Poultry	14% - 15%
Eggs	30% - 31%
Dairy and related products	15.2%
Fresh Fruits & Vegetables	7 % - 8%
Processed fruits and vegetables	11.5% - 12.5%
Meal Supplies (trays, sporks, condiments, etc)	22%
Diesel Fuel	29% <sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> [https://www.bls.gov/regions/west/news-release/consumerpriceindex\\_sanfrancisco.htm#:~:text=Prices%20in%20the%20San%20Francisco,\(See%20table%20A.\)](https://www.bls.gov/regions/west/news-release/consumerpriceindex_sanfrancisco.htm#:~:text=Prices%20in%20the%20San%20Francisco,(See%20table%20A.))

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ers.usda.gov/webdocs/DataFiles/50673/CPIforecast.xlsx?v=3608.3>

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.bls.gov/regions/west/news-release/consumerpriceindex\\_west.htm](https://www.bls.gov/regions/west/news-release/consumerpriceindex_west.htm)

<sup>4</sup> [https://www.eia.gov/dnav/pet/pet\\_pri\\_gnd\\_dcus\\_nus\\_m.htm](https://www.eia.gov/dnav/pet/pet_pri_gnd_dcus_nus_m.htm)

I am available to speak in further detail regarding any matter in this request, and I thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to speaking soon.

All our best!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steven Holguin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Steven" and last name "Holguin" clearly distinguishable.

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