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**BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL
EDUCATION, WORKFORCE, AND YOUTH
COMMITTEE**

Mission Statement

The Committee on Education, Workforce and Youth (EWY) is responsible for creating opportunities for our young people, ensuring economic opportunity and prosperity for Baltimore's workforce, and supporting our most vulnerable neighbors. The committee's areas of jurisdiction include public education, labor relations, workforce development, employment, public parks, recreation, and youth affairs. Issue areas include, but are not limited to: education, including adult education, higher education, workforce development, labor, senior affairs, veterans, childcare, accessibility and disability issues, recreation and parks, and historical landmarks.

**The Honorable Robert Stokes, Sr.
Chairman**

PUBLIC HEARING

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021
5:00 PM**

VIRTUAL WEBEX MEETING

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Council Resolution #21-0053R

Informational Hearing – School Lunches

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BILL SYNOPSIS

Committee: Education, Workforce and Youth

Council Resolution: 21-0053R

Informational Hearing – School Lunches

Sponsor: Councilmember Ramos, et al

Introduced: August 16, 2021

Purpose:

For the purpose of inviting Baltimore City Public School System students, the Chief Executive Office of the Baltimore City Public School System, and any relevant Baltimore City Public School System staff to discuss with the Council their ideas and concerns about public school lunches.

Effective: On the date it is enacted.

Agency Reports

Law Department	Favorable/Comments
Baltimore City Public School System	<i>None as of this writing</i>

Analysis

Current Law

Baltimore City Code – Article 1, Subtitle 1-City Council, Section 1-6

§ 1-6. Agencies to provide legislative information.

It shall be the duty of the head of every City department or bureau established by the Baltimore City Charter or by ordinance to provide all technical materials, plats, drawings, and information that are requested by any member or the President of the City Council for the purpose of introducing legislation into the Council.

(City Code, 1976/83, art. 1, §6.) (Ord. 76-080.)

Baltimore City Charter – Article VII, Subsections 59 through 64 – Department of Education – outlines the rules, regulations and mandates for Baltimore City Public Schools.

Background

Per the primary, “This Resolution came about as a result of some high school constituents who have a strong opinion about school lunches. The hearing will give constituents the opportunity to voice their opinions about school lunches.”¹

On Thursday, October 21, 2021, constituents, representatives from the Baltimore City Public School System (BCPS) and other pertinent BCPS staff will come before the committee to discuss public school lunches.

Additional Information

Fiscal Note: None

Information Source(s): City Charter, Baltimore City Code, Council Resolution 21-0053R and all agency reports received as of this writing.

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Analysis by: Marguerite M. Currin
Analysis Date: October 18, 2021

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¹ The Honorable Odette Ramos, Councilmember, District 14.

Council Bill 21-0053R
Agency Report(s)

See attached

CITY OF BALTIMORE

BRANDON M. SCOTT
Mayor



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August 31, 2021

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 21-0053R – Informational Hearing – School Lunches

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 21-0053R for form and legal sufficiency. This resolution is for the purpose of inviting representatives from the Baltimore City Public School System to discuss school lunches.

A resolution is an appropriate way for the City Council of Baltimore to conduct an investigative hearing. *See, e.g., Inlet Assocs. v. Assateague House Condominium*, 313 Md. 413, 428 (1988). Therefore, the Law Department approves this Resolution for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

Hilary Ruley
Chief Solicitor

cc: James L. Shea, City Solicitor
Nina Themelis, Mayor's Office of Government Relations
Elena DiPietro, Chief Solicitor, General Counsel Division
Victor Tervalo, Chief Solicitor
Ashlea Brown, Assistant Solicitor

CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 21-0053R
(Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmembers Ramos, McCray, Middleton, Porter, Cohen, Glover, Stokes

Introduced and read first time: August 16, 2021

Assigned to: Education, Workforce, and Youth

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Baltimore City Public School System

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing – School Lunches**

3 FOR the purpose of inviting Baltimore City Public School System students, the Chief Executive
4 Office of the Baltimore City Public School System, and any relevant Baltimore City Public
5 School System staff to discuss with the Council their ideas and concerns about public school
6 lunches.

7 **Recitals**

8 **WHEREAS**, Baltimore City Public School students receive free lunch each day during the
9 school year;

10 **WHEREAS**, while many students bring their own lunch, the majority of our students take
11 advantage of the free lunch program;

12 **WHEREAS**, students and parents are interested in how lunch times will change in the time of
13 COVID;

14 **WHEREAS**, a number of students have complained that (1) there is not enough food variety in
15 school lunches, and (2) they have no choice in which foods make up their school lunches; and

16 **WHEREAS**, students have valuable ideas about how to address these issues, including creating
17 opportunities for student preferences in the school lunch program.

18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the
19 Council invites Baltimore City Public School System students, the Chief Executive Office of the
20 Baltimore City Public School System, and any relevant Baltimore City Public School System
21 staff to discuss with the Council their ideas and concerns about public school lunches.

22 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
23 Chief Executive Officer of the Baltimore City School System, and the Mayor’s Legislative
24 Liaison to the City Council.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.