

Cafeteria Prices to Rise March 13; Lunch Entrees to Remain under \$5

(March 3) Metro Café prices will rise beginning Monday, March 13. The overall increase, as approved by General Services, will be less than 5 percent. Lunch entrees will remain priced at under \$5.

The price increase will be the first since the cafeteria opened in late 1995. It will include lunch specials, ala carte items, fresh fruit, soft-serve yogurt, bottled soft drinks and juices and other items. The price of pre-packaged ice cream and some other snacks will remain the same.

Price comparisons made

The price hike requested by the cafeteria operator, Sodexho Marriott, was approved following price comparisons with other government agency cafeterias, including MWD and DWP.

"Our prices are comparable or lower," said Phyllis Meng, General Services supervisor.

Meanwhile, in response to many customer requests, Metro Café Manager Rob Byrd said the MTA's soft drink supplier plans to add canned juices to the mix of beverages in the vending machines located in the cafeteria lobby.

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