

To: Dr. Andalib Khelghati, Superintendent of Schools

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Subject: February 2026 CPI-U

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Objective: Information Discussion Follow-up Decision

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.3 percent on a seasonally adjusted basis in February, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Over the last 12 months, the all items index increased 2.4 percent before seasonal adjustment.

The index for shelter rose 0.2 percent in February and was the largest factor in the all items monthly increase. The food index increased 0.4 percent over the month as did the food at home index and the food away from home index rose 0.3 percent. The index for energy also increased in February, rising 0.6 percent.

The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.2 percent in February. Indexes that increased over the month include medical care, apparel, household furnishings and operations, airline fares, and education. Conversely, the indexes for communication, used cars and trucks, motor vehicle insurance, and personal care were among the major indexes that decreased in February.

One-Month Percentage Change in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), seasonally adjusted February 2025 –February 2026 percentage change

