

**RIVER ROAD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMARILLO, TEXAS**

Subject: Cafeteria Price Increases

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

For the reasons that follow, we are requesting approval to increase the price of full price meals by the required \$0.05- \$0.10 as shown on the attached. It needs to be noted that there will be a reduction in the price charged at Willow Vista. These changes will affect approximately 38% of our students because the remainder of our students qualify for either free or reduced price meals. We also request permission to increase the price of various ala carte items to more accurately reflect market prices for those items.

With the passage of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (the child nutrition reauthorization bill) Congress enacted guidelines for the pricing of school meals. Included in the act is a provision (Meal Equity Pricing) that paid school lunches need to provide the same level of financial support for the Food Service program as free and reduced price lunches. Simply put, free and reduced price meals may no longer subsidize the cost of meals that are paid for by students who do not receive assistance.

The Federal Government has also changed the nutrition standards for meals, requiring a more expensive food product. Breakfasts are required to have more fruit servings and lunches are required to have more vegetable servings (dark leafy green, red, and orange vegetables.) The reimbursable meal pattern has also changed requiring students to all take a fruit or vegetable serving. It is estimated that our food costs will increase by 15%.

PRESENTATION/PURPOSE:

This is the presentation to the Board of a request of RRISD to increase breakfast and lunch prices for the 2013-2014 school year.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

We request that the Board approve the request to increase breakfast and lunch prices as presented.