

Belton Independent School District
Board of Trustee Meeting Agenda Item
September 21, 2026

Item: Adult Meal Prices for 2026-2027

Contact Person: Melissa Lafferty

Presented for: ☒ Action ☐ Report Only

Supporting Documents: ☒ None ☐ Attached ☐ Provided Later

District Priority or Strategic Objective:

Priority 4: Fiscal Management – Maximize student experiences through transparent, strategic, and sustainable fiscal management.

Background Information:

USDA regulations require the district to evaluate and adjust meal prices annually. However, a positive balance in the School Nutrition Fund waives the need for student meal price increases this year, placing only adult meal prices under review. For districts operating non-pricing programs like the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) and National School Lunch Program (NSLP) guidelines mandate the use of Method 2 to calculate adult meal prices.

Calculations are provided below:

Method 2 Lunch	
Federal Funds/Reimbursement Rate Categories	Amount BISD Receives
Free Reimbursement Rate	\$4.76
Performance-Based Reimbursement	\$0.09
Severe Need Lunch	\$0.02
USDA Foods	\$0.47
Total Federal Funds	\$5.34
Minimum Adult Charge	\$5.34

Method 2 Breakfast	
Federal Funds/Reimbursement Rate Categories	Amount BISD Receives
Free Reimbursement Rate	\$2.54
Severe Need Breakfast	\$0.51
USDA Foods	\$0.47
Total Federal Funds	\$3.52
Minimum Adult Charge	\$3.52

We recommend the adult lunch price be increased from \$5.25 to \$5.50 and adult breakfast price increase from \$3.50 to \$3.60 to potentially limit further increases and remain compliant with federal regulations.

Fiscal Implications:

To comply with the current pricing regulations, adult lunch and breakfast prices must increase.

Administrative Recommendation(s):

Approve the increase in adult meal prices as presented.