



Governing Board Agenda Item

Meeting Date: June 13, 2024 Agenda Item No: J.8

From: Crystal Kalahar, Director of Food Services

Subject: Lunch Prices Increase

Strategic Priority: To plan for future needs in a proactive, accountable manner

Consent ☐ Action ☒ Discussion ☐

Background:

In order for the Marana Unified School District to remain in good standing with the Paid Lunch Equity requirement of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, we are requesting to increase the paid lunch price. The legislation requires that all schools' paid lunches equal the amount of the federal free reimbursement minus the paid reimbursement; currently set at \$3.85. Our weighted average lunch price is currently \$2.82, which is \$1.03 less than the required \$3.85. However, the USDA understands that school districts may not be able to comply within one year and so they recommend small increases.

The District is proposing to increase the lunch prices by 5%. This represents a \$0.16 increase and will help offset the impact of minimum wage increase and get a little closer to the mandated \$3.85. The District has not raised lunch prices since SY18.

2023-24 Meal prices			
District	Elementary	Middle	High School
Marana (proposed prices)	2.90	3.00	3.25
Marana (current prices)	2.75	2.90	3.00
Chandler	3.25	3.50	3.75
Vail	2.95	3.10	3.30

Recommended Motion:

I move that the Governing Board approve the Lunch Price Increases as presented.

Approved for transmittal to the Governing Board:

Dr. Daniel Streeter, Superintendent

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