

# Nutrition Meal Lunch Prices

June 24, 2014

**SUMMARY:**

This item requests approval of an increase in paid lunch prices.

**PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:**

May 27, 2008

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

For school year 2014-2015, school food authorities that, on a weighted average, charged less than \$2.65 for paid lunches in school year 2013-2014 are required to adjust their weighted average lunch price or add non-Federal funds to the non-profit school food service account.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:**

Paid lunch prices should be increased by at least \$0.10 to ensure the weighted average exceeds the minimum requirement of \$2.65 for paid lunches for the 2014-2015 school year. Denton ISD currently has an average weighted lunch price of \$2.62. Increasing lunch prices will provide funds necessary for an increase in milk prices and an increase in employee compensation. Milk expenditures will increase by approximately \$60,000.00 next year. A 2% increase in employee compensation will cost approximately \$70,000.00. In addition, another 1.5% increase in compensation for hourly employees, to adjust for the TRS Contribution, will cost approximately \$50,000.00.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The following increase will result in a projected revenue increase of (based on 2012-2013 meal counts):  
- \$0.25 increase - \$199,846.50

**BENEFIT OF ACTION:**

Increasing paid lunch prices will permit the Child Nutrition program to continue to be in compliance with USDA regulations for paid lunch equity and provide additional operating funds to pay for cost increases.

**PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:**

None

**ALTERNATIVES:**

No alternative actions are proposed

**OTHER COMMENTS:**

None

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:**

The recommendation is to increase paid lunch prices by \$0.25 per meal for both elementary and secondary schools. New paid meal prices would be \$2.75 for an elementary lunch and \$3.00 for a secondary lunch.

**STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:**

Robin Wantland, Director of Child Nutrition Services

**ATTACHMENT:**

Paid Lunch Equity Memo from the USDA - [SP15-2014os.pdf](#)

**APPROVAL:**

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

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