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Topic: 2025-2026 School Year Meal Prices

Submitted by: Dr. Thurston Lamb, Deputy Superintendent of Operations

Approved for Transmittal:



Board Meeting Date: 10/16/2025

Recommendation:

The Administration recommends that the Board of Trustees increase lunch meal prices by 10 cents.

Elementary lunch, which is currently \$2.90, would go to \$3.00 for the 2025-2026 School Year.

Secondary lunch, which is currently \$3.00, would go to \$3.10 for 2025-2026 School Year.

Rationale:

The Texas Department of Agriculture requires a yearly review of the student paid meal price using a tool called the Price Lunch Equity tool (PLE) that yields the minimum amount that a school district must raise the average lunch price to meet the requirement. The district's current unrounded, weighted average paid meal price is \$2.96, which is \$1.04 below the federal weighted average. The law allows for a district to increase meal prices by a *minimum* of \$0.10 each year to work toward closing the federal weighted average gap. If districts choose to only increase by the minimum, a shortfall credit to meet the total price increase will be carried into the next year. That amount would be \$0.94. Continuing to increase by the minimum and adding to the shortfall amount carried year-over-year may result in a future finding in a TDA audit as meal prices would be too far behind the required average paid meal price.

Budget Information:

Federal Funds

Board Policy Reference and Compliance:

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