

Approval of Student Meal Prices

May 27, 2008

SUMMARY:

This item requests approval of the 2008-2009 meal prices for all elementary, secondary and adult meals served by Child Nutrition.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

The Board approved meal prices for 2005-2006 on May 10, 2005.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The last rate increase was for the 2005-2006 school year. The rate increase prior to that was for 2003-2004.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

The District is required to send an informational letter to all parents regarding the free and reduced-price school meals. The meal prices are stated in the letter to parents.

As you know, the price of gasoline has an impact on almost everything in our daily life. Many vendors are adding fuel surcharges to the cost of the products. In addition, increased cost of food and salaries has required that we recommend this increase in meal prices.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

Meal prices have not increased since 2005-2006. It is recommended that the following meal price adjustments be approved for 2008-2009. The USDA sets the reduced meal prices.

Meal Prices				
Elementary	Current Rate	Proposed	Change	Current Reduced
Student Breakfast	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.10	\$.10	\$.30
Student Lunch	\$ 2.25	\$ 2.50	\$.25	\$.40
Secondary				
Student Breakfast	\$ 1.25	\$ 1.35	\$.10	\$.30
Student Lunch	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.75	\$.25	\$.40
Adult/Guests				
Breakfast	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.60	\$.10	
Lunch	\$ 2.75	\$ 3.00	\$.25	

2007-2008 Reimbursement Rates			
	Free	Reduced	Paid
Breakfast	\$ 1.35	\$ 1.05	\$.24
Breakfast – Severe Need	\$ 1.61	\$ 1.31	
Lunch	\$ 2.47	\$ 2.07	\$.23
Snack	\$.68	\$.34	\$.06

- The National School Lunch and Breakfast Program will adjust the reimbursement rate at a later date.
- Adult meals do not generate reimbursement from the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program.
- Denton ISD has 19 of 28 campuses that qualify for the Severe Need Breakfast.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

This increase in rates will provide revenue to pay for cost increases for labor and food.

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

A public release will be made available to the local media at the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.

ALTERNATIVES:

Prices remain at current level. This would affect the financial status of the Child Nutrition Program.

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the meal prices as scheduled above.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Robin Wantland, Director of Child Nutrition

Debbie Monschke, Executive Director of Budget and Finance

ATTACHMENT:

Survey of Area District Meal Prices and Proposed Increases

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Divisional Leader: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____