

Consider approval of increase Adult Meal Prices for the 2025-2026 school year

**1. Background:**

The Child Nutrition Department is requesting to increase the price of adult lunch meals and increase the price of adult breakfast meals. The price increase determination is based on the Texas Department of Agriculture's (TDA) Adult Meal Calculator Worksheet, which was released on August 27, 2020. The Child Nutrition Department will continue the use of the Community Eligibility Program (CEP), which extends free meal benefits to all SWISD students.

The adult lunch price must be greater than the total amount of federal reimbursement for a free student's lunch and USDA Foods rate, which is estimated at \$5.16. Child Nutrition is requesting to change the adult lunch meal price from the current price of \$5.00 to \$5.25 for the 2025-2026 school year. The formula for breakfast prices is to charge a price that is greater than the total amount of federal reimbursement for a free student's breakfast meal and USDA Foods Rate, which is estimated at \$3.39. Child Nutrition is requesting to raise the adult meal price for breakfast from the current rate of \$3.30 to \$3.50 for the 2025-2026 school year.

The basis for the Adult Meal Price increase is to be compliant with TDA's Meal Price Calculations which states: *Breakfasts and lunches served to teachers, administrators, custodians and other adults must be priced so that the adult payment is sufficient to cover the overall cost of the lunch and breakfast, including the value of any USDA entitlement and bonus commodities used to prepare the meal.* Therefore, increasing the Adult Lunch pricing and increasing the Adult Breakfast pricing would satisfy the TDA requirement for an Adult Lunch Price and Adult Breakfast Price.

<b>Meal Prices</b>			
	2024-25 Prices	Increase	2025-2026 Recommended Prices
Adult Breakfast	\$3.30	\$0.20	\$3.50
Adult Lunch	\$5.00	\$0.25	\$5.25

**2. Process:**

Determine if an increase in adult lunch price and adult breakfast price is necessary in response to TDA's Adult Meal Calculator Worksheet.

**3. Fiscal Impact:**

Increasing adult lunch price by \$.25 and increasing adult breakfast price by \$.20 for the 2025-2026 school year.

**4. Recommendation:**

That the Board approves the adult lunch price \$5.25 and adult breakfast price \$3.50 for the 2025-2026 school year.

**5. Required**

Board action.