

ECTOR COUNTY ISD
SCHOOL NUTRITION DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: DAVID FINLEY

FROM: Terry Gooch

DATE: March 20, 2012

RE: MEAL PRICES for 2012/2013

I recommend that student lunch prices be raised by 15¢ for the 2012/2013 school year. As you may recall, meal prices were increased last year due to the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. The act requires that paid meal prices be assessed annually with the end goal of all paid lunch prices at least equaling the free reimbursement rate minus the paid reimbursement rate. The 2011-12 free rate (2.79) minus the paid rate (.28) equals \$2.51.

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 will also cause menu changes to occur this year and next. The school nutrition department will offer more fresh fruits and vegetables; offer more whole grains; reduce trans fats, and lower sodium. Food costs continue to rise without the additional requirements. These new requirements and constantly increasing fuel costs will have a major impact on our program costs.

It is my sincerely belief that every student in the district should have access to a breakfast at no charge as a means of assisting in the educational process. I further believe that our department can continue this benefit to our students with the new pricing structure.

Adult meal prices will remain approximately equal to the reimbursement and commodities received for free students. Therefore, we will continue to be within TDA and USDA regulations in regards to adult meal prices and adult meal services will not be supported by revenue from student meal services.

	<u>Proposed Meal Prices</u>		<u>2011-12 Meal Prices</u>		<u>Lunch Difference</u>	
	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>%</u>
Elementary Student	n/c	\$2.00	n/c	\$1.85	+15¢	7.5%
Secondary Student	n/c	\$2.25	n/c	\$2.10	+15¢	6.7%
Elem. Reduced-Price	n/c	\$.40	n/c	\$.40		
Sec. Reduced-Price	n/c	\$.40	n/c	\$.40		

Thank you for your continued support of this program.

Terry Gooch