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To: Dr. Peasant

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Re: 2016 – 2017 Student Meal Prices

The Healthy, Hunger Child's Act requires the price of regular student meals to be continually increased toward the reimbursement rate for free meals, currently \$3.09 less the amount received for paid reimbursement (-) .31 cents, which is \$2.78 per meal. According to the formula provided by the MDE Office of Child Nutrition, our district meal prices must increase for 2016-2017 to a minimum of \$2.65 per lunch meal.

Our last meal price increase was for the 2012-2013 school year, which was a .25 cents per student and adult lunch meal increase.

At the surrounding areas of: Lee County, Itawamba County, Amory Schools, Pontotoc Schools, prices are already at \$2.75 per full price student lunch meal. At other districts within the state: Petal Schools, Desoto County Schools, Rankin County Schools, Oxford Schools, prices are \$2.75 per student lunch meal.

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I am recommending the following lunch prices for 2016-2017:

PreK Students:	\$2.50, previously \$2.25
K-12 Students:	\$2.75, previously \$2.50
Staff and Visitor:	\$3.50, previously \$3.25

By increasing .25 cents, the next increase should not be needed for another four years.

Breakfast meal prices are recommended to stay the same for the 2016– 2017 school year and are not affected by the new federal requirement for lunch meal prices.

With your support, please place this item on the agenda of the Board for the meeting on May 10, 2016.

Thank you.