



Beeville Independent School District

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With the signing of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-296), many things are changing in Child Nutrition. One of the major changes is Section 205, Equity in School Lunch Prices. This provision requires school food authorities participating in the National School Lunch Program to ensure that schools are providing the same level of support for lunches served to students who are not eligible for free or reduced priced lunches (i.e., paid lunches) as they are for lunches served to students eligible for free lunches. This provision went into effective July 1, 2011.

For Beeville, this means we will need to increase our lunch prices from \$1.80 to \$1.90 for Pre-K – 5th and from \$2.05 to \$2.15 for 6th – 12th grades. This increase is being required due to the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act signed by President Obama December 2010. The only other option is for Beeville ISD's general fund to provide \$5,120.52 to Food Service budget instead of passing the price increase on to our customers. I do not feel this is in the best interest of the district and so therefore I am recommending the price increase for the 2012-2013 school year.

As I have discussed at various times this year, a price increase will be expected every school year until our paid price is more reflective of the reimbursement received for a free meal. Currently a paid meal is \$1.80 or \$2.05 plus a \$0.26 reimbursement from USDA totaling \$2.06 or \$2.31. Beeville ISD currently receives \$2.79 for a free meal. The reimbursement is required by law to increase based on the cost of living, which means normally an increase of \$0.03 - \$0.06 per year. Ultimately, our paid price should be increasing yearly as well.

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