

Graham Independent School District Board Agenda Item Synopsis

Subject: Consider Approval of the Calculated Meal Price Adjustment for the 2026-2027 school year.

Background Information:

Each year schools participating in the National School Lunch program reevaluate their lunch prices using the Paid Lunch Equity Tool provided on the Square Meals website. This calculator helps districts ensure they are charging appropriately for paid lunches to cover the cost of those meals so that federal funds can be reserved for serving students who receive free and reduced meal rates.

Administrative Consideration:

For the 2026-2027 school year the Paid Lunch Equity Tool requires the Meal price adjustment to \$3.95 for the 2025-2026 school year. This is an increase of \$0.10 over current prices.

Alignment to District Goals:

- 1. **Academics:** All students will be prepared for success at the next level.
- 2. **Our People:** Recruit and retain highly qualified employees at all levels.
- 3. **Finance and Facilities:**
 - Optimize revenues and impact student achievement by increasing attendance rates at all campuses.
 - Commit to excellence in facilities that promote innovative, health, and welcoming learning environments.
- 4. **Culture:** All stakeholders will take ownership in creating a welcoming, compassionate, unified school community striving for aspirational achievements.
- 5. **Safety:** Provide a safe, healthy and secure environment for all stakeholders.
- 6. **Communications:** Support student success through clear, consistent, and inclusive communication and marketing that builds trust, reflects our diverse community, and empowers all stakeholders.

Budgetary Impact:

This price increase ensures that federal funds are fully dedicated to students on free and reduced lunch rates.

Recommendation:

Approval of the calculated meal price adjustment according to the federal meal price calculator at \$3.95 for the 2026-2027 school year.

Meeting Date:

June 3, 2026