

Weatherford Independent School District Board Agenda Item

The mission of the Weatherford ISD is to educate, engage, and empower all students in a safe and positive learning environment to discover and reach their greatest potential.

Date

June 9, 2025

Administrator(s) Preparing Report

Lori Boswell, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations Sheree' Satcher, Director of Child Nutrition

<u>Subject</u>

2025-2026 Meal Prices

Background Information

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 – Section 205, requires schools to raise school meal prices to be more in line with the Federal reimbursement rates. Effective July 1, 2011, schools are required to increase the price of paid meals if the price charged is less than the difference between the Federal reimbursement rate for free meals and paid meals. The USDA provides a Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) tool to determine the "weighted average paid lunch price" each year to determine the new paid lunch price or the amount of non-federal funds that must be contributed to the child nutrition fund.

This requirement is not applicable to breakfast, staff, or adult meals. The District reviews meal prices for breakfast and lunch for students, staff, and adult meals on an annual basis and adjusts prices as necessary to cover food and labor costs to produce meals.

Administration recommends an increase in meal prices as presented in the attached document. The requested increases ensure the District is compliant with the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, as well as covers the increasing cost of components necessary to meet meal pattern requirements.

Strategic Plan Information

X	Relates to Strategic Goal #1 – Focus on Student Success
\times	Relates to Strategic Goal #2 – Focus on Students, Parents, and Communities
	Relates to Strategic Goal #3 – Focus on Operational Excellence
	Relates to Strategic Goal #4 – Focus on Employees and Organizational Development
X	Relates to Strategic Goal #5 – Focus on Stewardship

Administrative Recommendation

Administration recommends increases to meal prices as presented in the attached document.