

# Agenda Item Information Form

Date: August 15, 2011 Agenda item number: 10B

Subject: No Charge Policy

Administrator responsible: Name Regina F. Young

Position Executive Director of Finance

A. Purpose of agenda item:

Information only       Action needed

B. Authority for this action:

Local Policy:       Law or rule (Cite reference)

C. Strategic objective, goal, or need addressed:

To maintain the ability to provide nutritional meals every school day to every child and maintain the solvency of the food service program.

D. Summary:

During the past two years, the Board has expressed a desire to feed every child at Splendora ISD. In an effort to follow this goal, the Food Service Department has amassed over \$18,000 in food service charges with some charges as high as \$4500. In the current economic climate, the district cannot afford to continue this practice and remain solvent. After meeting with the Assistant Principals and the Food Service Department, a new Administrative Procedure is being recommended that will meet the nutritional needs of the students and guide the Food Service Department in their efforts to remain solvent. Other than #7, the procedure continues to feed the children, but offers the opportunity for litigation or intervention if the parent chooses to ignore the needs of the child. After two charges, the cafeteria will provide the student with a reimbursable meal that meets the guideline of Texas Department of Agriculture. At the same time, every effort will be made to help the parent through the process for economic recovery. We are committed to providing the parent every opportunity to meet their obligation to the district whether that be through a payout agreement or application for free or reduced meals. As a district, we must help our patrons by not allowing them to amass a debt they cannot possibly pay.

E. Alternatives considered:

Continue to feed every child free of charge at a cost in excess of \$200,000.

F. Comments received:

G. Administrative recommendation:

For information only.

H. Fiscal impact and cost:

This new procedure will eliminate the opportunity for debt and provide the Food Service Department with the necessary funds for solvency.

I. Monitoring and reporting time line:

The administration will monitor the implementation of all Administrative Policies.