

GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

DATE OF MEETING: May 26, 2020

TITLE: Food Service Pricing for School Year 2020/2021

BACKGROUND:

The District's Food Service Department is a self-funding organization designed to operate within its own budget, using revenues generated from sales. No Maintenance and Operations (M&O) funds are used to support the program. All revenues generated by law must be spent to support Food Service activities and cannot be used to supplement other district costs. The last price increase was approved by the Board on May 7, 2017 and anticipated the increased cost associated with the implementation Arizona's minimum wage.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

Effective July 1, 2011, SFA's are required to annually analyze their current meal prices using the United States Department of Education (USDA) Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) Tool. The tool calculates the difference between the current USDA Free Meal Reimbursement rate and the School Food Authority's (SFA) current weighted meal price. On January 22, 2020 USDA issued memo SP 07-2020 which provides notice that any SFA with a positive or zero balance in its school food service account as of December 31, 2019, is exempt from PLE pricing requirements for school year 2020-21.

Based on the departments solid financial standing as of December 31, the recommendation is for student meal prices to remain unchanged for school year 2020-2021 as shown below:

	Breakfast	Lunch
Grade K – 5	\$1.35	\$2.50
Grade $6 - 8$	\$1.35	\$2.75
Grade 9 – 12	\$1.60	\$3.00

SFA's are also required to annually analyze their adult meal prices. USDA requires SFA's to ensure that reimbursement and the value of donated foods are not used to subsidize meals served to adults. The formula used to determine the minimum price of adult lunch prices includes:

- 1. The current Free Reimbursement Rate Plus
- 2. The \$.07 Performance Based Reimbursement Plus
- 3. The federally established USDA Foods rate for school lunch

Based on USDA requirements, the recommendation is for the District to adopt the following adult meal prices for SY 2020-21:

Adult FeeBreakfastLunch\$2.25\$4.00

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of Administration that the Food Service meal pricing for School Year 2020/21 be approved.

INITIATED BY:

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Jim Burns, Executive Manager, Operational Support

Date: May 15, 2020

Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent