

**Lunch Prices for SY19-20**

Board Members,

I am pleased to announce that we will not be increasing lunch prices for SY19-20. My department meets the criteria set forth by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) to have the increase waived. The pricing for next school year is listed below.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Elementary</b>	<b>Secondary</b>
Paid	\$2.50	\$2.75
Reduced	\$0.00*	\$0.00*

Adult Meals- Breakfast \$2.50      Lunch \$3.55

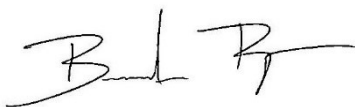
\*TDA allows flexibility for districts to eliminate or lower the charge for reduced priced reimbursable meals. Last year, the price for the "reduced" category of students was \$.40 per lunch meal. We will no longer charge students that qualify in this category for a meal. The cost of this is minimal to my department budget and will be covered through expert procurement and warehouse storage practices.

The lunch price of an adult meal last year was \$3.75 per meal. We have lowered the price, hoping to increase participation in this category. We are required by law to charge a certain amount for adult meals and the price reflects the absolute minimum we are allowed to charge.

Lastly, we are working closely with the district to implement universal free feeding programs for SY20-21. This would mean that all district students would be able to eat breakfast and lunch free of charge. We currently provide breakfast at no cost. We have a full year to come up with a solution to implement the programs in a way that would minimally impact academic funding. I have listed a few benefits of implementing such programs below.

- All district students will have access to free nutritious meals, no stigma, and less time spent in cashier lines and more time to eat nutritious meals.
- No need to track unpaid meal charges, improved program integrity, and more nourished students ready to learn and grow.

Very Respectfully,



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