

Belton Independent School District
Board of Trustee Meeting Agenda Item
September 15, 2025

Item: Adult Meal Prices for 2025-2026

Contact Person: Melissa Lafferty

Presented for: ☒ Action ☐ Report Only

Supporting Documents: ☒ None ☐ Attached ☐ Provided Later

District Goal or Objective Addressed:

Goal 5: Maximize our use of resources for both current priorities and plans for the future.

Background Information:

The District is required to analyze meal prices and raise as needed every year. Student meals do not have to be increased due to a waiver through USDA as long as the Nutrition Department has a positive fund balance, so only adult meal prices are under consideration. School districts operating a non-pricing program such as a Community Eligibility Program (CEP) are required to use Method 2 for calculating adult meal prices in accordance with guidance provided by the Texas Department of Agriculture, National School Lunch Program. See calculations below.

Method 2 Lunch	
Federal Funds/Reimbursement Rate Categories	Amount BISD Receives
Free Reimbursement Rate	\$4.60
Performance-Based Reimbursement	\$0.09
Severe Need Lunch	\$0.02
USDA Foods	\$0.45
Total Federal Funds	\$5.16
Minimum Adult Charge	\$5.25

Method 2 Breakfast	
Federal Funds/Reimbursement Rate Categories	Amount BISD Receives
Free Reimbursement Rate	\$2.46
Severe Need Breakfast	\$0.48
USDA Foods	\$0.45
Total Federal Funds	\$3.39
Minimum Adult Charge	\$3.50

We recommend the adult lunch price be increased from \$5.00 to \$5.25 and adult breakfast price will remain \$3.50 to be in compliance with federal regulations.

Fiscal Implications:

In order to comply with the new pricing regulations as currently written, our adult meal lunch and breakfast prices must continue to increase.

Administrative Recommendation(s):

Approve the increase in adult meal prices as presented.