

College Station Independent School District

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MEMORANDUM

To:

Dr. Eddie Coulson, Superintendent

From:

Dr. Clark Ealy, Deputy Superintendent for Administrative Services

Date:

March 9, 2012

Subject:

Consideration, discussion and possible action regarding paid meal prices for the

2012-13 school year

Agenda Item:

K-1

Board Priority/

District Goal:

Priorities A & B; Goals 1, 2 & 3

Background

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 reauthorized the National School Lunch Program and was ultimately passed in the Spring of 2011. One of the provisions of the act affects the prices schools must charge for their paid meals. Specifically, schools must charge the difference between the reimbursement rate for a free meal and the reimbursement rate for a paid meal. In CSISD, free lunches are reimbursed \$2.77, while paid meals are reimbursed \$0.26. So, for a paid school lunch, CSISD must charge \$2.50 for our lunches (rounded down to the nearest \$0.05).

Currently, we charge our paid students an average of \$2.15 per lunch. Secondary lunches cost more than elementary lunches due to the additional food choices and larger portion sizes. The new legislation does allow school districts to increase their lunch prices a minimum of \$0.10 annually until they meet the targeted paid meal price.

As the reimbursement rate changes slightly each year, the price for paid students will need to be assessed on a yearly basis. We recommend a process whereby we increase our prices not more than 10 cents annually. The proposed meal prices for 2012-13 school year are:

	BREAKFAST	LUNCH
ELEMENTARY	1.35	2.10
INTERMEDIATE	1.35	2.35
SECONDARY	1.35	2.35
NON-STUDENT	1.75	3.00



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There have been no increases in breakfast and lunch prices in College Station ISD since the 2008-09 school year.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees of College Station Independent School District approve the school paid lunch prices for the 2012-13 school year as presented.

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