



CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES

College Station Independent School District

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mike Martindale
Deputy Superintendent of Business and Operations

From: Diane Dahm
Director of Child Nutrition Services

Date: April 26, 2017

Re: Meal Price Increase for 2017-18

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, which reauthorized the National School Lunch Program, includes Section 205; Equity in School Lunch Pricing. This provision states:

- *Effective SY beginning July 1, 2011, schools are required to charge students for paid meals at a price that is on average equal to the difference between free meal reimbursement and paid meal reimbursement; Schools that currently charge less are required to gradually increase their prices over time until they meet the requirement; Schools may choose to cover the difference in revenue with non-Federal funds instead of raising paid meal prices.*
- *Establishes a maximum annual increase in the required paid increases of 10 cents annually, but allows schools to establish a higher increase at their discretion.*

As the reimbursement rate changes slightly each year, the price for paid students needs to be assessed on a yearly basis. The Texas Department of Agriculture provides a formula each year to help determine if a district must raise prices and to calculate the amount required. This formula shows that for the 2017-18 school year CSISD is required to increase student lunch prices by \$.10. To allow us to hold meal prices for at least two school years, I recommend an increase of \$.25 for lunch meal prices in the 2017-18 school year. Non-student meal prices are required to cover the full cost of the meal and will need to be adjusted as well.

Breakfast prices have not increased since 2012. Due to the increased cost for food, supplies and labor I recommend a \$.15 increase in student meals. Non-student breakfast meals will also increase to cover the full cost of that meal.

Child Nutrition Services' goal is to be self-supporting with a break even budget that does not affect the district's general budget.

The proposed meal prices for 2017-18 school year are:

	BREAKFAST	LUNCH
ELEMENTARY	1.50	2.75
INTERMEDIATE	1.50	3.00
SECONDARY	1.50	3.00
NON-STUDENT	2.25	3.75

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