



CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES
College Station Independent School District

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mike Ball 
Deputy Superintendent for Business and Operations

From: Diane Dahm 
Director of Child Nutrition Services

Date: April 1, 2008

Re: Meal Price Increase for 2008-09

Student and non-student meal prices have remained constant for the past 7 years, with the last increase taking effect for the 2001-02 school year. During the previous 12 years, meal prices were increased every 3-4 years.

Food and supply costs have risen significantly recently, partially due to the increased costs of fuel and product delivery. Additionally, over the past seven years we have worked to improve the quality of our meals and have increased the amount of fresh produce and whole grain products offered to our students, products which are often more costly. The Texas Public School Nutrition Policy has required changes that have affected meal costs and reduced options for ala carte profit without increased funding.

Due to these and other increased operating expenses, it is now necessary to request a meal price increase. 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 2008-09 school year are:

	BREAKFAST	LUNCH
ELEMENTARY	1.25	2.00
INTERMEDIATE	1.25	2.25
SECONDARY	1.25	2.25
NON-STUDENT	1.50	2.75

This is a \$.25 increase for all meals. This increase should allow us to hold our prices for several more years. Intermediate and secondary lunch prices are priced higher than elementary meals due to the inefficiency of offering more choices and serving larger portions. Non-student prices are required by USDA to be higher than student meals as we receive no reimbursement for these meals and the cost charged must cover the full expense of the meal.