

To: Board of Education

From: Paula Murrish, executive director, nutrition & wellness/purchasing & printing
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Re: 2018-2019 Meal Prices

Date: July 2, 2018

Background:

The Board Policy JS Student Fees and Charges, indicates the Board will approve a schedule of enrollment fees and other fees to be charged for the school year. At the end of each school year, it is necessary to evaluate the prices charged for meals to students and adults for the following school year.

Rationale:

1. The food service department is self-supporting. In today's environment of rising costs this is a challenge. Current state and federal reimbursements have fallen behind the costs of production and are inadequate to maintain the high nutrition and Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act standards established in law.
2. The food service department has seen an increase in food and labor costs. The department has increased its local purchasing with local growers from three to seven which is a higher cost than purchasing from a wholesaler. The district is currently spending 22% of its produce budget on locally grown vegetables and fruits.
3. Section 205 of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 includes the Paid Lunch Equity provision. The intent of this provision is to ensure that sufficient funds are provided to the food service account for the paid lunches. The weighted average price for paid student's lunches must compare closely to the free reimbursable rate. The following is a three-year history of meal prices and recommendation for the 2018-2019 year and the recommended increase will bring the district into compliance. The adult meal price is also a requested price by the Kansas State Department of Education which is equivalent to the reimbursement received for a free meal.

Lunch	2018-2019	2017-2018	2016-2017
Elementary	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.65	\$ 2.60
Middle School	\$ 2.90	\$ 2.85	\$ 2.80
High School	\$ 2.95	\$ 2.90	\$ 2.85
Reduced Price	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.40
Adult	\$ 3.65	\$ 3.55	\$ 3.50
Breakfast			
Elementary	\$ 1.70	\$ 1.65	\$ 1.60
Middle School	\$ 1.80	\$ 1.75	\$ 1.70
High School	\$ 1.85	\$ 1.80	\$ 1.75
Reduced Price	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.30
Adult	\$ 2.35	\$ 2.30	\$ 2.25

Recommendation:

The administration recommends meal prices as outlined in this enclosure be established for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion:

"I move the board of education approve the recommended meal prices as outlined in this enclosure for the 2018-2019 school year."