



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 8.1f

Meeting Date: April 18, 2013

Subject: Approve Increase of School Lunch Prices

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (_____)
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- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Administrative Services

Recommendation: Approve the increase of student lunch prices and eliminate charging for reduced price meals.

Background/Rationale: Sacramento City Unified School District approved increasing the price charged to full-priced, paid student lunches in December 2011 and implemented two \$0.25 increases effective January 9, 2012 and July 1, 2012. The district had not had an increase prior to that since October 2000. This increase was required from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) as a result of the new requirements for Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) in Section 205 of the 2010 Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act (HHFKA). The current lunch price is \$1.75 and \$2.25 for elementary and secondary, respectively.

Section 205 of the HHFKA requires School Food Authorities (SFA's) that, on average, charging for paid lunches less than the difference between the federal reimbursements for free and paid lunch (\$2.51 for SY 2012 -13), to either gradually adjust paid lunch prices upward or provide non-federal funds to cover the difference. SFA's charging less for a paid lunch than the difference between the federal reimbursements for free and paid lunches must adopt one of two options:

1. Gradually increase their average lunch price, or
2. Provide a non-federal funding contribution to cover the difference

The Healthy Foods Task Forces' priority is on improving the nutrition quality of meals/lunches to students and to provide meals that are nutritious that students will eat and do so cost effectively. Staff is also proposing to eliminate the charge for reduced price meals.

Financial Considerations:

The district does not have non-federal funding contributions to cover the difference and cafeteria funds are non-allowable federal and state funds for covering the difference.

Documents Attached:

Estimated Time of Presentation: N/A

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