



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 9.6

Meeting Date: March 15, 2018

Subject: Approve Nutrition Services Price Increase

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

Division: Facilities Support Services

Recommendation: Board to approve \$.75 lunch price increase for full-priced lunch and reinstate the \$.40 cent price for a Reduced-price eligible student.

Background/Rationale: The self-funded National School Meals Program at SCUSD last raised prices in 2013. Nutrition Services is committed to sustaining our universal free breakfast and lunch programs where all students eat at no charge. The costs associated with these programs, along with rising program operating costs, have contributed to deficit spending for the last 2 years. The proposed price increase for students who pay for lunch will align our District's pricing with area districts and meet federal requirements.

Financial Considerations: Increase in school meals revenue approximately \$399,608 annually.

LCAP Goal(s): College, Career and Life Ready Graduates

Documents Attached:

1. Executive Summary

Estimated Time of Presentation: 10 minutes

Submitted by: Cathy Allen, Chief Operations Officer

Approved by: Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent

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I. Overview/History of Department or Program

The Nutrition Services Department is a self-funded program that covers all expenses (including food, labor, equipment, benefits, retirements) to operate school meal programs. Federal revenue for the school meal program is provided in the form of a reimbursement for each free and reduced meal served. SCUSD offers universal free breakfast at 80 district and charter schools. SCUSD offers universal free lunch at 40 district and charter schools. Schools are eligible for this program based on qualifying socio-economic data. The District last raised meal prices in 2013. Currently, SCUSD is lagging significantly behind neighboring school districts in the price of paid meals. Federal regulations require school districts to closely align the price of a paid meal to the reimbursement of a free meal. SCUSD charges \$2.00 for an elementary meal and \$2.50 for a secondary meal. Federal reimbursement for a free meal is \$3.25. The proposed increase would bring us closer to meeting Federal regulations. Current proposal is to increase lunch prices by \$.75 and reinstate the \$.40 charge to Reduced-price eligible students.

II. Driving Governance:

MB USDA-SNA-16-2012
Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act 2010
7 CFR 210.14
BP 5030

III. Budget:

If approved, an annual increase in approximately \$399,608 would be realized.

IV. Goals, Objectives and Measures:

Increase price for school meals for students who do not qualify for Free or Reduced lunches. Support continuous improvement of our school menus and sustain our universal free programs that allow access to school breakfast and lunch by over 23,400 students.

V. Major Initiatives:

Align Nutrition Services meal program with Federal regulations.

VI. Results:

Reduction or elimination of deficit spending to support program costs.

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VII. Lessons Learned/Next Steps:

More frequent analysis of pricing program to allow for smaller and timelier price increases to remain compliant with Federal regulations.

Upon approval, implement Communication plan to reach out to families.