



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 10.2

Meeting Date: December 8, 2011

Subject: Review and Increase of School Lunch Prices

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: December 14, 2011)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Administrative Services

Recommendation: Approve a 25 cent per meal increase to paid student lunch prices effective January 1, 2012. Approve an additional 25 cents per meal increase to paid student lunch prices effective July 1, 2012.

Background/Rationale: The district has not raised the price charged to full-priced paid student lunches since October 2000. The current lunch price is \$1.25 and \$1.75 per meal for elementary and secondary students respectively. A recent survey shows that the SCUSD rate is significantly lower than surrounding districts. Based on this survey, breakfast prices are more in line with surrounding

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Education Code 49550 requires all districts to provide at least one nutritionally adequate meal during each school day to needy students, defined as those who meet federal eligibility criteria for free and reduced price meals. In addition, the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act added the requirement that each school food authority shall establish a price for paid lunches. Ideally, the price for a paid lunch should be close to the reimbursement amount from the National School Lunch program for a free and reduced lunch student which is currently \$2.79 per meal.

Lunch prices have not been increased in the district since October 2000. Our lunch prices are much lower than the current reimbursement rate for free and reduced lunch students. In addition, based on a recent survey of surrounding districts, our paid lunch prices are significantly lower than other districts.

<u>District</u>	<u>Elementary</u>	<u>Middle</u>	<u>High</u>
Sacramento City Unified School District	\$1.25	\$1.75	\$1.75
San Juan Unified School District	\$2.75	\$3.25	\$3.25
Elk Grove Unified School District	\$2.50	\$3.00	\$3.00
Natomas Unified School District	\$2.25	\$2.75	\$2.75
Twin Rivers Unified School District	\$2.10	\$2.25	\$2.50

The proposal to increase paid lunch prices by 25 cents starting on January 1, 2012 and an additional 25 cents on July 1, 2012 will still provide a lower cost meal for our paid students than surrounding districts

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