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From: VanBriesen, Tania
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 9:40 AM
To: Zinke, Christene
Cc: Kerr, Christian
Subject: PLE tool information for price increase
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Christene,

The following is the PLE tool information the state requires me to use to determine each year if we need a price increase.
On the page with the SY 24-25 Weighted Average Price Requirement Calculator you will notice the weighted price requirements figured on our prices for the year 2010-11. These are not the prices we had each year but this calculates what they should have been. This tool has only been around for the last 4 or 5 years so there was some catching up to do.
We were back on track with where we should be in 21-22 but then during Covid and no price increases we slipped behind again.
According to the PLE calculations on the SY 2024-25 Price Raise Calculator our weighted price should be 2.99. That weighted price can be established by an .10 cent increase across the board. This will only effect the MS an MM schools due to the high school leaving the NSLP and going into their own pricing.

The increases should be :
MM $2.80 increased to $2.90
MS $3.10 increased to $3.20
This will also effect the Adult/Staff price raising it $.10 to meet the $ .40 above the highest priced student lunch requirement.
Adult/Staff $3.50 to $3.60

Lastly, I did reach out to the advisor with the ISBE Nutrition to double check the increase was needed across the board and not just at Mary Morgan. He concluded and his response is also in the above attachment.

Tania

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Subject: FW: SY 2024-25 Paid Lunch Equity Tool Available

Christene,

Please add this to the agenda for the 18th. Tania prepared the PLE today and we have to raise prices at the MS and MM by $0.10 per meal next year. We may also have to raise the price of milk as well, that is an analysis we have yet to perform.

Thank you,
Christian

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SY 2024-25 Paid Lunch Equity Tool

The Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) Calculator for school year 2024-25 is available on the SNP Resource Management webpage, under the PLE section, along with U.S. Department of Agriculture guidance and an exemption form.

PLE is a requirement under Section 205 of the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 for all schools with pricing programs that participate in National School Lunch Program. The purpose of PLE is to increase paid meal prices to be more equal with funds brought in from free and reduced-price meal reimbursements. School Food Authorities (SFA) with a negative balance will be required to complete the PLE tool and increase lunch prices as indicated on the tool. **The maximum the state agency can require the SFA to increase is $0.10.** However, each SFA may increase beyond the $0.10 requirement.

PLE EXEMPTION: Any SFA with a positive or zero balance in its nonprofit school food service account as of June 30, 2023, is exempt from PLE pricing requirements, under 7 CFR 210.14(e) for SY 24-25. SFAs that had a negative balance in the nonprofit school food service account as of June 30, 2023, must follow PLE requirements when establishing their prices for paid lunches in SY 2024-25. Read the USDA's full PLE Guidance for SY 2024-25.

To be considered for the exemption for SY 2024-25, SFAs will need to submit the SY 2024-25 Exemption Form, which includes instructions. Please scan the completed and signed form and email it to pleexemption@isbe.net. Be sure to maintain a copy for your records. **The PLE Exemption Form is required to hold lunch prices at current level. Failure to submit a PLE Exemption Form and not raising lunch prices will result in a citation.**

ADULT MEAL PRICING: Based on U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service Instruction 782-5 Rev. 1, adult meals must be priced to include Entitlement and Bonus. Entitlement and Bonus includes Planned Assistance Level of $0.365 and menu certification of $0.08 for a total of $0.445, with a round down of $0.40. For the 2024-25 school year, adult prices must be no less than $0.40 above the Highest Paid Student rate in the school food authority.

ATTENTION CEP SCHOOLS: SFAs that are under Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) or otherwise do not set lunch prices for students and are not required to complete the PLE tool or exemption. Please note that for CEP SFAs, the adult meal price must be no less than $0.40 above the free reimbursement rate you receive. ISBE suggests a meal price $0.50 above either the Highest Paid Student or Free Reimbursement rate (as was federal requirement during the 2023-24 school year).

For questions, please reach out to pleexemption@isbe.net.

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