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Slight Increase In Paid Lunch Prices For Osceola Students For 2011/2012

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-296) requires school districts participating in the National School Lunch Program to ensure that schools are providing the same level of support for lunches served to paying students as they are for lunches served to students eligible for free lunches. This provision is effective July 1, 2011. To do this, the district had to compare the average price for paid lunches at all of its schools to the difference between the per meal federal reimbursement for free and paid lunches. If a district's average paid lunch price is less than the difference between the federal free and federal paid meal reimbursements, it must increase the average paid lunch price. The maximum required annual average paid lunch price increase is capped at 10 cents.

The Osceola County School Board voted to only raise the paid lunch price .05 cents for the 2011/2012 school year to help minimize the impact on families. As a result, full-pay lunch prices for 2011/2012 school year will be \$2.15 for elementary and middle school students and \$2.40 for high school students.

The last time the Osceola County School District raised student lunch prices was in 2009.