Equity in School Lunch Pricing Section 205

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Equity in School Lunch Pricing

- Section 205 of the 2010 Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act: "Equity in School Lunch Pricing"
- Intent: To ensure that sufficient funds are provided to the food service account for paid lunches
- This provision only applies to paid lunches

Paid Meal Equity Timeline

- Effective July 1, 2016

- All school food authorities must base paid lunch prices for School Year 2016-2017 on these requirements

Paid Meal Equity Overview

- Schools will compare the average price for paid lunches to the difference between the per meal Federal reimbursement for free and paid lunches
  - The current free meal reimbursement rate is $3.15
  - The current paid meal reimbursement rate is $0.37
  - $3.15 − $0.37 = $2.78 difference

Calculating Average Paid Lunch Price

- If a school food authority's average paid lunch price is $2.78 or more, the school is in compliance and no further action is needed.
- Montgomery County Schools 2015-2016 Weighted Average Lunch Price is $2.16

Increasing revenue for paid lunches

- If a school's average paid lunch price is less than $2.78, it must increase the average paid lunch price by the inflation factor percentage (4.97%)

- $2.16 X 4.97%=$2.27
  Weighted Paid Lunch Price to be in compliance for 2016-17

Recommendation:

- Increase Middle & HS Lunch Price to $2.35 (+ .10 cents)
- Increase Elementary School Lunch Price to of $2.15 (+ .10 cents)

  *$2.15 at the Elementary Schools
  * $2.35 at the Middle & High Schools

  Oct. 2015-ADM 4,209
- 1,039 Paid Students (25.00%)
- 622 Middle & HS Paid Students eat daily
- 417 Elementary Paid Students eat daily

Impact on families

- The maximum required annual increase per child would be 10 CENTS:

- Example: A child attends a school of which the paid lunch price increased by Elementary-10 cents or Middle & High - 10 cents. The child eats every day. The child would pay about $18 for Elementary, Middle and High Schools Students extra for the year.

    ✓ 180 * 10 cents = $ 18
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Questions?