



MEMORANDUM

To: School Food Authorities

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Re: Paid Lunch Equity: School Year 2015-2016 Calculations and Tool

State Agency Memo

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According to 7 CFR 210.14 (e), School Food Authorities (SFAs) must ensure efficient funds are provided to the nonprofit school food service account for meals served to students who pay for meals. **This memorandum and attached tool will help SFAs determine 2015-2016 paid lunch prices.**

SY 2015-2016 Paid Lunch Equity Calculations

If SFAs are charging less than \$2.70 for paid lunches in SY 2014-2015, they are required to adjust their lunch price or add non-Federal funds to the nonprofit school food service account. The increase in paid meal prices must equal 4.19(%) percent from SY 2014-2015.

If SFAs chose not to increase their paid meal prices for SY 2014-2015, they must add the shortfall to the SY 2015-2016 paid lunch price.

Use of Non-Federal Funds

If SFAs choose to use non-Federal funds to contribute to the paid meal price, they must use the following calculation to determine the amount of revenue in lieu of paid lunch price increase: **total number of paid reimbursable lunches claimed for the previous school year multiplied by the difference between SY 2015-2016 paid lunch price and the SY2014-2015 weighted average paid lunch price.**

Sources of non-Federal funds include reimbursement from any non-Federal payment by an outside organization for paid meals or credits to paid meals from direct payments made from SFA funds to support lunch service.



SY 2015-2016 Paid Lunch Equity Tool (PLE)

Please see the first tab of the SY 2015-2016 PLE tool for instructions and necessary information for completion. Additional information on other tabs is also included, such as weighted average paid lunch price for SY 2014-2015, required paid lunch price increase for SY 2015-2016 and required non-Federal source contribution required for SY 2015-2016.

In SY 2015-2016, SFAs now have the option to split the paid lunch increase by using both a meal price increase as well as non-Federal contribution.

To use the attached SY 2015-2016 PLE Tool, SFAs should have the following information:

- SY 2014-2015 Unrounded Price Requirement OR SY 2010-2011 weighted average price **(all SFAs)**
- All paid lunch prices for October 2014 **(all SFAs)**
- Number of paid lunches associated with each paid lunch price for October 2014 **(all SFAs)**
- Total number of paid lunches served in SY 2013-2014 **(non-Federal source contribution only)**
- Total dollar amount of SY 2011-2012, SY 2012-2013, SY 2013-2014 and SY 2014-2015 non-Federal contribution **(non-Federal source contribution only)**

Should you have any questions, please contact your designated Program Specialist.