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## SCHOOL MEAL PRICES TO INCREASE FOR 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

The Poway Board of Education unanimously approved meal price increases for the 2011-2012 school year at their regular meeting Monday evening, March 7, 2011. This is the first meal price increase in six years. The price increase will help offset the rising cost of food, fuel, labor, and supplies. The new prices are as follows:

<b>REGULAR MEALS</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Breakfast*</b>
Elementary Students	\$2.50	\$1.50
Secondary Students	\$3.00	\$1.75
Reduced Price Students (no change)	\$0.40	\$0.30
Adults	\$3.50	\$2.25

\* Breakfast is served at eight school sites.

The Board also approved the following special meal prices for special occasions:

<b>SPECIAL MEALS</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
Special Lunch – Elementary Students	\$2.75
Special Lunch – Secondary Students	\$3.25
Reduced Price Students (no change)	\$0.40
Special Lunch - Adults	\$3.75

The Poway school meals program does not receive financial support from the General Fund, and operates primarily on funds collected from the sale of meals and a la carte items. This increase will not affect students who receive free and reduced-price meals.

Poway Food and Nutrition Director Babre Lewis said, "The higher cost of whole grains, fresh fruits and vegetables, coupled with rising food, fuel, and overhead costs have resulted in an estimated 23% increase in the cost of preparing and serving nutritious meals at our schools. Meal prices are increased only when necessary to help the program break even. We have worked hard to hold the line on what we charge for meals. Even with these changes, our students are still getting a great value."

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