It's hard to believe this school year has almost come to a close! I have started working items for next year already, including school meal prices. I have copy and pasted 2 sections of an email I received today from the Iowa Dept. of Education. Listed below are our current meal prices and my proposed pricing for school year 2018-2019 based on that information.

Adult Meal Price for 2018-2019

The adult meal price for FY19 must be at least \$3.63 (\$3.23 free/paid meal reimbursement plus .06 Certification reimbursement plus .3350 USDA Food per-meal rate and rounded up). Please take the necessary steps now to ensure the adult meal price is established prior to July 1, 2018.

Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) Tool - Update

Our information is incomplete at this point but we wanted to send this update. Below is the section of the H.R. 1625 - Appropriations Act, 2018, addressing the PLE Tool. If an SFA has a positive balance as of January 31, 2018, no PLE Tool will be required. That being said, we have not received information from USDA about any documentation or reporting and the tool is not available yet. Please keep the record you use to make the determination of positive or negative balance. We will send more information as soon as it is available.

Sec. 776. For school year 2018-2019, only a school food authority that had a negative balance in the nonprofit school food service account as of January 31, 2018, shall be required to establish a price for paid lunches in accordance with Section 12(p) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. 1760(p).

2017-2018	2018-2019
BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST
Adults, Pre-K thru 12 ^a grade- \$1.50	Adults, Pre-K thru 12 th grade- \$1.75
LUNCH	LUNCH
Pre-K thru 8 ^a grade- \$2.35	Pre-K thru 8 ^a grade- \$2.40
9°-12° grade- \$2.45	9 ^m -12 ^m grade- \$2.50
Extra Entrée & Milk- \$1.50	Extra Entrée & Milk- \$1.50
Adults- \$3.60	Adults- \$3.75

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns and what the School Board decides on the matter.