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Dear Mesa Union families,

Please accept this letter as notification of a slight ten-cent (\$0.10) rate increase on regular price lunches effective January 8, 2018. The adjustment is required in order for the district to remain in compliance with state and federal regulations regarding free and reduced lunch meals.

Regular lunch prices for students will increase from \$2.65 to \$2.75 per meal. Adult lunches will increase from \$3.76 to \$3.86 per meal

Reduced meals, for qualifying participants, will not increase and will remain \$0.30 per breakfast and \$0.40 per lunch

In addition, there will be no change in the regular prices for breakfast. Student breakfast will remain \$1.25 and adult breakfast will continue to cost \$1.75.

Mesa Union is subjected to a federal "paid lunch equity" requirement to assure the price of paid meals is close to the amount the district receives in reimbursements for free and reduced-lunch meals, based on weighted averages, in order to ensure that the program will be self-supporting. The price increase for regular-priced lunch meals is part of the district's way to comply with the United States Department of Agriculture regulations, which is required of ALL school districts in the country who receive free and reduced meal reimbursements. Since Mesa Union is federally funded, the District must adhere to all regulations in order to continue to receive funding.

If you have not yet applied for free or reduced-priced school meals, please go to the school website at [www.mesaschool.org](http://www.mesaschool.org) to print out an application or pick one up at the school office. The completed application should be returned to the school office, not the child's teacher. Parents will receive a letter notifying them of eligibility for free or reduced-priced meals. All applications will be processed within 10 school days after being received by the district.

Should you have any questions regarding our services, please contact Erica Magdaleno at 805-485-1411 ext. 221.

Sincerely yours,  
Jeff Turner  
Superintendent