NSLP Year End Balance to Determine Lunch Prices for SY 2019-2020

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Please provide the total of your non-profit school food service account balance as of December 31, 2018?

This can be a line item or actual bank account balance.

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SFA must send proof of the balance to SA by statement, excel documentation or previous audit performed by a CPA.

**Due date:** August 16th, 2019 by email to leah.Johannes@dhs.arkansas.gov

This form is applicable to SFA’s who charge for meals only, disregard if you do not charge meals.

If pricing requirements are exempt, the SFA is still required to submit their Paid Lunch Price for the FNS-828 Report. The SFA has discretion to still complete the Paid Lunch Equity Tool to determine their target SY 2019-2020 paid lunch price.
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SUBJECT: Paid Lunch Equity: Guidance for School Year 2018-19

TO: Regional Directors
    Special Nutrition Programs
    All Regions

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In Section 776 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115-141) (the Act), Congress provides that only school food authorities (SFAs) that had a negative balance in the nonprofit school food service account as of January 31, 2018, shall be required to establish prices for paid lunches according to the Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) provisions in Section 12(p) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. 1760(p) and implemented in National School Lunch Program regulations at 7 CFR 210.14(e).

Consistent with the terms of the Act this memorandum provides notice that any SFA with a positive or zero balance in its nonprofit school food service account as of January 31, 2018, is exempt from PLE requirements found at 7 CFR 210.14(e) for school year (SY) 2018-19. SFAs that had a negative balance in the nonprofit school food service account as of January 31, 2018 must follow PLE requirements when establishing their prices for paid lunches in SY 2018-19.

Because the Act affects one school year only, FNS recommends that State agencies maintain documentation that includes which SFAs are using the PLE exemption for SY 2018-19 in order to demonstrate State agency oversight of this provision. This documentation should include a record that each SFA implementing the exemption had a positive or zero balance in the nonprofit school food service account as of January 31, 2018. This documentation may be reviewed by FNS upon request and during a Management Evaluation.

While SFAs that meet the Act’s criteria are exempt from the PLE requirements, SFAs still maintain the discretion to complete the steps necessary to determine their target SY 2018-19 paid lunch price, consistent with Program regulations at 7 CFR 210.14(e), and adjust their paid meal prices accordingly. Please note, the SY 2018-19 PLE tool and instructions will be provided in a separate communication.
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State agencies are reminded to distribute this memorandum to Program operators. Program operators should direct any questions concerning this guidance to their State agency. State agencies with questions should contact the appropriate FNS Regional Office.

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