price increases

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Due to the increase that incurred during the 2017-2018 school year, meal prices will remain the same this school year at Clinton Public School District (CPSD).

Our Child Nutrition Program is a self-supporting operation. The revenue we use to operate comes from the funds we receive from paying students, adults, and federal reimbursement for eligible meals," said Christell Hicks, Child Nutrition Director.

CPSD's child nutrition program is governed by the United States Department of Agriculture. Districts are re-

quired to charge students and adults an amount that covers the cost of producing meals. This requirement stems from the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 for schools participating in the School Breakfast and National School Lunch Programs.

Effective this school year, student lunches will remain \$2.85 per meal, and student breakfasts will remain \$1.90 per meal. Adult/teacher lunches will stay \$3.60 per meal, and adult/teacher breakfast will remain \$2.10 per meal.

The lunch cost includes an entrée, bread, servings of fruit and vegetables and milk for students.

"For this price, our students receive a nutritious, complete, appealing and balanced meal," Hicks stated. "It's a great price, and it's healthy." She adds, "Each day, our students receive the necessary calories and nutrients needed for their growth and development. Parents are assured that their kids are getting a good, hot and safe meal each day.'

If there is financial hardship, "parents can apply at any time during the year for free or reduced-price meals," Hicks continues. "There are applications at every school, in most school offices and cafeterias. Parents may also apply online."

Through MyŠchoolBucks, parents can

pay in advance for student meals by setting up a free account at www.myschoolbucks.com.

"This has been one of the most convenient ways to pay either weekly, monthly or yearly," says Hicks. "You can also go on the website and monitor your child's eating and/or spending."

Lunch menus, the online free and reduced-price meal application and links to MySchoolApp are available on the district's website,

www.clintonpublicschools.com.

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