Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) Intent Form

2021 - 2022

USDA requires that School Food Authorities (SFAs) ensure that Free and Reduced meal reimbursements are not used to subsidize Paid lunches. Each year, SFAs must assess if their student Paid lunch price is compliant with the USDA target price. The target price for School Year 2021-2022 is $3.18. In most cases, schools must use the Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) Tool to determine compliance with the target price. However, there are three cases in which an SFA does not have to complete the PLE Tool. Please complete the following form to indicate to the State how you intend to handle the PLE Tool for SY 2021-2022. Upload this completed form, and the PLE Tool, if applicable, to your Harvest application.

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(SFA Name) is not completing the Paid Lunch Equity Tool because we qualify for the following exemption:
* As of December 31, 2020, our SFA had a positive or zero balance in the non-profit school food service account. *See* [*USDA Policy Memo SP 07-2020*](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/SP07-2020os.pdf) *for more information on this exemption.* *If selecting this item, you must also attach a profit and loss statement for the non-profit school food service account showing the balance as of December 31, 2020.*
* The lunch price at all Pricing sites within the SFA is at or above the target price of $3.18 for the 2021-2022 school year.
* All sites within the SFA are Non-pricing (RCCIs, Provision 2, Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), or other Non-pricing)
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(SFA Name) has completed the Paid Lunch Equity Tool and:
* We are not required to increase our lunch prices.
* We are raising our lunch prices by the amount required in the PLE Tool or by $0.10. *SFAs are not required to increase prices by more than $0.10 in one year.*
* We are not raising our prices and are providing non-federal funds to cover the balance of the required price increase.
  + - Source of non-federal funds: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
    - Amount of non-federal funds:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**\*Please remember that only one PLE tool should be completed for the entire SFA. The tool should include all Pricing programs within the SFA.**