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 19-20 is $3.00. In most cases, schools must use the Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) Tool to determine compliance with the target price. However, there are three cases when an SFA does not have to complete the PLE. Please complete the following form to indicate to the State how you intend to handle the Paid Lunch Equity for SY 19-20. Upload this completed form, and the PLE tool if applicable, to the Organization section of the SNP Checklist Summary in your program application.

☐ Rivendell Interstate SD (SFA Name) is not completing the Paid Lunch Equity Tool because we qualify for the following exemption:

☐ As of December 31, 2018 our SFA had a positive or zero balance in the non-profit school food service account. See USDA Policy Memo SP 27-2019 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, 2018.

☑ The lunch price at all pricing sites within the SFA is at or above the target price of $3 for the 19-20 school year.

☐ All sites within the SFA are non-pricing (RCCIs, Provision 2, 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.

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Board Retreat

Breakfast Price Increase

Elementary only

From $1.90 → $2.00

RtA price is $2.50

Lunch at all schools

From $2.95 → $3.00

See below — Required *