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**EVEN WITH RAISE IN PRICE, RICHMOND COUNTY SCHOOLS MORE THAN
COMPETITIVE WITH STUDENT BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PRICES**

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AUGUSTA, GA... When compared to similar sized school districts in the state, Richmond County continues to provide nutritious school meals at a highly competitive rate. This comes after the first meal price increase in Richmond County since 1993. In Richmond County for the 2008-2009 school year, the daily cost to feed each full pay student both breakfast and lunch will be \$1.50 for elementary school students, and \$1.75 for middle and high school students.

“The Richmond County School Nutrition Program remains committed to offering students well balanced nutritious meals at a reasonable price,” said School Nutrition Director Josephine Mack. “Our motto of ‘Nourishing Excellence’ shows our commitment to feeding all of the children of Richmond County.”

Richmond County’s meal costs are very competitive when compared to similar sized school districts in the state. In Chatham County the cost to feed each child is \$2.40 at the all levels of education. Muscogee County charges \$2.60 for elementary students and \$3.15 for middle and high school students. Forsyth County represents an even higher cost charging elementary students \$3.05 and middle and high school students \$3.25.

When comparing Richmond County’s middle and high school rate of \$1.75 to the lowest comparable rate of Chatham County’s \$2.40, Richmond County is 27% lower. At the high end, when compared to Forsyth County at \$3.25, Richmond County is 46% lower.

Even around the area, Richmond County’s meal prices are considerably lower. Take into account that in Columbia County, each elementary student is charged \$2.50 for breakfast and lunch while middle and high school students are charged \$2.75. In Aiken County, SC each student is charged a minimum of \$3.10 daily.

For more information on Richmond County's School Nutrition program, including full pricing, menus, and nutritional information, please visit the Richmond County Board of Education website at www.rcboe.org.

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