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James Conner

March 2 at 4:18pm · KXLH Comments ·

A mean spirited school board wants to hang a scarlet letter on children who made the mistake of choosing parents who are poor, deadbeats, or both. Providing meals for schoolchildren should be part of the budget and paid for through taxation. A just society does not punish children for the sins or circumstances of their parents.



Montana City school lunch policy proposal has some parents upset

The small town of Montana City just south of Helena is proposing a new school lunch policy that has some parents outraged. The Board of Trustees for the K-8...

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Eve Morris Dixon I agree with you, James Conner

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So wrong. What happened to the free lunch program. Children deserve an equal meal! Except for my kid, he forgets his lunch and to help him learn a lesson I do t bring it to school, then the lunch people give him a hot meal and bill me for it!! Thanks people, how is he ever going to learn 😞

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Amanda Westbrook Mills replied · 2 Replies



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I think of those kids who would be ostracized for not being able to pay and what that does to a child. Shame on the school board.

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Jessica Sholey Pipinich replied · 3 Replies · 52 mins



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Donors unite nationwide to pay off kids' school lunch debt

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Christina Aker Rowley replied · 1 Reply



Johnny Lott I thought that Montana was better than this.

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There is more to the story.

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Aimee Lagerquist For your information...

There's more to the story--From Mr. Kloker, Superintendent

Important point of clarification: The following quote that was recently reported by KTVH as news is not accurate: "The proposed new policy would eliminate any sort of notification to parents through email, phone call or letter sent home explaining an outstanding balance for their child's meals. The only way parents will be able to see if they owe anything is by going online." This is not true.



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If the proposed policy is adopted, the school's procedure would be to continue to send notes home, email parents and/or make phone calls to inform parents of the balance on their child's school food account. Although it's not the only option, parents may access EZSchoolPay.com to monitor and pay for lunches. Please visit our website or contact the school if you would like assistance in setting this up. The school will continue to work with the parents/guardians to make them aware of the status of their account.

We are ALL responsible for making sure our children eat lunch. To know Montana City School is to know that our kids are at the forefront of our decision-making and will continue to be so.

The alternate lunch in the proposed policy had the example of a cheese sandwich. However, just because the policy gives an example of a cheese sandwich, it doesn't mean our procedure will be to serve that as the only option. If the Board keeps the option to provide an alternate meal, it will be a meal that meets the USDA nutrition guidelines, looks like it was prepared as a cold lunch coming from home, and will include a sandwich such as meat and cheese on whole grain bread, fresh veggie sticks, fruit and milk. The key factor is that it will be a meal that costs the district less than the typical meal being served and, more importantly, will be provided to the student as a last resort and given to them in a very discreet, "student friendly" manner.

We must be fiscally responsible to our taxpayers, but not at the expense of our children's pride and confidence. The district was \$13,000 in debt in our lunch fund at the end of last year. The money we collect is truly used to purchase the groceries to make the meals and feed the students. There needs to be a balance of responsibility, as well as an understanding of individual family needs. That is why other language in the proposed policy provides opportunities for the school to work with families who have a financial need.

Additional solutions have already been brought to my attention that will be part of my recommendation to the school board. For example:

- Eliminate the alternate meal language from the draft policy.
- Add language to the draft policy to ensure every child has access to the same meal every day.
- Add language to the draft policy to make sure no fines are assessed to any family demonstrating a financial need.
- Add language to the draft policy to assess a fine after the \$100 limit has been reached to parents that have the financial ability to pay.

If you have other solutions you would like the Board to consider, please bring them to my attention to share with the Board or attend the meeting on March 8. As always, we welcome the input and want to reinforce this is just DRAFT language provided by the Montana School Boards Association.

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James Conner replied · 4 Replies · 2 hrs



Mandy Stevens This is silly. I have personally spoken with several parents whose children go to school there and they are in agreement that there needs to be a limit. There are many avenues to take if a family can't afford hot lunch for their child. Besides applying... [See More](#)

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Robert Dunlop replied · 2 Replies · 13 mins



Jessica Sholey Pipinich Do you know all the Helena schools already do this and it's way below a \$100 credit!

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James Conner Note to commenters. I've deleted a couple of comments that were personal attacks, not arguments. Keep it civil.

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Tyler Pipinich 🚗

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James Conner Tyler, Jessica: I delete what I consider personal attacks. That's my right. You have no right to comment here. You have only the privilege of commenting that I grant. I did leave a comment by Jessica as it addressed the issue. I make my Facebook pages open to the public as a courtesy, and I accept honest comments. But I kick trolls back under the bridge.

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Tyler Pipinich Grow up and learn for your childish mistakes.

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