

In-Class Writing Prompt #5



Across the nation, school districts are struggling find ways to make budgets work. In the Edmonds School District alone, over 5 million dollars were spent during the 2008-2009 school year on food services alone. Through the National School Lunch Program the ESD does receive some funding and reimbursement for lunches purchased and it makes up much of the rest of its costs through breakfast and lunch sales. Still, the NSLP only provides \$2.68 cents to the ESD for each free lunch and \$2.28 cents for each reduced price lunch. And, while the Edmonds School District aims to provide a food service program that is self-sufficient in funding, not every district is so lucky. Many lose money on food services annually.

In a time when school lunches hover around \$4 and the NSLP only provides \$2.68 cents in reimbursement to schools under the basic reimbursement plan, **do you believe that it is appropriate for schools to continue offering free and reduced lunches?**

Remember! To receive credit for this assignment, you *must* address your critics. Here's how we did it yesterday:

Tell us what the paragraph will be about.

There are those who believe that...

1. Tell us why those folks are wrong.

However, this view is incorrect because...

2. Give us more than one reason.

Additionally, it is important to note that...