

Indian Affairs
Beams, B.

October 12, 1967

Mr. Bentley Beams
Post Office Box 301
Talihina, Oklahoma 74571

Dear Mr. Beams:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter from the Director of Indian Education, State Department of Education, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in response to my inquiry in your behalf. I believe you will find it self-explanatory. If not, please advise me.

I am sorry the attached report could not be more encouraging. I wish it had been possible to allocate more Johnson-O'Malley funds to Oklahoma in order that a larger reimbursement could be paid for indigent Indian pupils' meals.

I would especially call your attention to Mr. Laney's suggestion about affected families discussing their inability to pay with the proper school officials. I hope it will be possible to work out something.

If there is anything further I can do to be of service, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Kindest regards and best wishes.

Sincerely,

CARL ALBERT, M.C.
Third District, Oklahoma

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Encl.

State Department of Education

OLIVER HODGE, SUPERINTENDENT
E. H. McDONALD, DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

October 10, 1967

Hon. Carl Albert, Member
United States Congress
Office of the Majority Leader
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Albert:


Due to the limited amount of Johnson-O'Malley Funds allocated to the State of Oklahoma, we have not been able to reimburse the schools more than 16¢ for meals served indigent Indian pupils for the past four years.

The schools have tried to continue serving "free" meals, but are finding it more difficult with the increasing cost of food and labor, therefore, a great many are charging the Indian pupil the difference between the Indian Education reimbursement and the regular charge per meal.

This Division does not have any jurisdiction over the amount a school may charge pupils for "reduced cost" meals. Since this is the decision of the school officials, the families affected by it should discuss their inability to pay, with the principals or superintendents of the schools.

If we can be of further service please do not hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely yours,


L. J. Laney, Director
Indian Education

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cc: Bentley Beams

Bureau of Indian Affairs (P) Beams, B.

October 3, 1967

Mr. Bentley Beams
Post Office Box 301
Talihina, Oklahoma 74571

Dear Mr. Beams:

Thank you for your good letter of September 29 reporting on the new revisions in the school lunch program for Indian children in that area.

I have contacted Mr. L. J. Laney who heads the Division of Indian Education in Oklahoma City, and taken the liberty of enclosing a copy of your letter to me. We have pointed out, as you did, that the \$.09 payment often works a hardship on some Indian families whose children have been receiving free lunches heretofore.

As soon as I have a reply from Mr. Laney, I will write again.

We appreciate your giving us an opportunity to bring this to the attention of the Division of Indian Education in an effort to be of all possible assistance to our Indian friends.

My very best wishes.

Sincerely,

CARL ALBERT, M. C.
Third District, Oklahoma

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Bureau of Indian Affairs (P)

Beams, Bentley

October 3, 1967

Mr. L. J. Laney, Director
Division of Indian Education
State Department of Education
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Dear Mr. Laney:

I am taking the liberty of enclosing a copy of a letter I have just received from Mr. Bentley Beams of Talihina, regarding the recent changes which have been made in the school lunch program.

You will note Mr. Beams' contention that the current \$.09 payment causes a hardship on some Indian families.

We would appreciate information about this program so that we might base a reply to our constituent.

Thanking you for your consideration, I am

Sincerely,

CARL ALBERT, M. C.
Third District, Oklahoma

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Enclosure

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Office of the Majority Leader

Washington, D.C.

Indian Education
Mr. Lundeen - Johnson - ~~Wright~~
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Mr. Lacey

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Congress of the United States
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Office of the Majority Leader
Washington, D.C.

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Talihina, Oklahoma
September, 29th 1967

Hon. Carl Albert.
Congress of the United States.
House Of Representatives.
Office of the Majority Leader
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

There has been several Indian families has come to me asking about this School lunch program which has been provided free for Indian Children. Now they have to pay 9 cents.

Beginning September 24 1967 All Indian families who have been receiving free lunches in Cafeteria for the 16 cents which the Johnson- O, Malley Law provides will have to make up the difference from what the Government pay, and the cost of the meal.

The regular is 25 cents of which 16 cents is paid by the Government. Now the parents will have to pay 9 cents to make the 25 cents per meal. due to the Increased price of labor and food this is necessary to support the School lunch program. 9 cents look small to pay but when you have several children going to school it sure hurt the parents. Its been several years since this Johnson O, O: Malley law was passed since then Labor and Food has been going HIGHER and HIGHER This is putting hardship on our Indian people Is there any thing we can do to help our Indian people? Please let me know as soon as possible

Thank you.

Sincerely Yours.
Member of Inter- Tribal Council
of Five Civilized Tribe of Oklahoma

Bentley Beams.

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