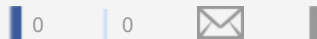


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5 GAO employees accused of school lunch fraud

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BALTIMORE – Five employees with the U.S. Government Accountability Office have been indicted on charges of illegally getting reduced-price school lunches for their children in Prince George’s County, Md.

County State’s Attorney Angela Alsobrooks said in a news release Tuesday that the employees include a member of the Board of Education.

GAO spokesman Charles Young says an audit showed the employees underreported their income or reported having no income at all.

Alsobrooks says the full price for a lunch in public schools is \$2.65; the reduced price is 40 cents. She estimates the employees’ children got about \$11,500 in reduced-price lunches.

Young said the GAO is following the legal process and will decide what actions to take regarding the employees.

The employees have been charged with theft, fraud and filing false applications.

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