



Discussion Item

Date: April 7, 2026

Division: Student Services

Subject: Child Nutrition Update

Background Information:

- LISD participates in the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, and Child and Adult Care Food Program (snack & dinner) provided by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) through the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA).
- Aramark Student Nutrition (Aramark) is the current Food Service Management Company (FSMC) responsible for the management of the district's Child Nutrition program. Aramark and LISD are in the fourth year of a fixed-meal rate contract.
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Administrative Consideration:

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