

To: RIMSD 41 Board of Education

From: Dr. Sharon Williams

Cabinet Champion: Beth MacKenna, Director of Nutrition Services

Date: May 27, 2025

Re: Bread Provider Recommendation

In April 2023, the District solicited bids for the supply of fresh bread. Following the bid process, the Board approved a contract with Pan-O-Gold, located at 444 E. German Street, St. Cloud, MN, on July 23, 2024. The contract included an option to extend services at the end of Fiscal Year 2025.

We are seeking Board approval to exercise this extension option, continuing the contract with Pan-O-Gold through June 30, 2027. At that point, the service will be rebid.

The District has been consistently satisfied with the quality of both the product and service provided by Pan-O-Gold. Given the volatility in fresh bread costs, maintaining this vendor relationship will support price stability and supply consistency. Extending the contract will ensure continuity in the District's bread supply while preserving the flexibility to evaluate new bids at the conclusion of the extended term.

Investment Period: July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2027

Total Investment: Not to Exceed \$50,000

Funding Source: Nutrition Department Funds