



Sharon Williams, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

To: RIMSD 41 Board of Education
From: Dr. Sharon Williams
Cabinet Champion: Beth MacKenna, Director of Nutrition Services
Date: August 25, 2026
Re: Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program

Nutrition Services solicited bids for the purchase and delivery of fresh produce. Bid invitations were sent to Loffredo Fresh Foods, Kohl Wholesale, and What Chefs Want.

Loffredo Fresh Foods was the only vendor to submit a bid for this solicitation. As with the previous bid, Loffredo's pricing includes a \$4.00 per case increase. Based on the bid received and the anticipated needs of the Nutrition Services program for the 2026–2027 school year, Loffredo Fresh Foods is recommended for award.

Loffredo Fresh Foods has successfully served as the District's Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program supplier for the past six years, consistently providing reliable delivery schedules, high-quality products, and accurate order fulfillment.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Loffredo Fresh Foods, 4001 SW 63rd Street, Des Moines, IA 50321, in an amount not to exceed \$215,950 for the 2026–2027 school year.

Investment Period: July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027
Total Investment: Not to exceed \$215,950
Funding Source: Nutrition Department Funds

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