



## Discussion Item

**Date:** April 7, 2025

**Division:** Finance

**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 third year of a fixed-meal rate contract.

**Administrative Consideration:**

- Beginning in school year 2024–2025, The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) allows school districts to retain the amount of net cash resources in their food service accounts not to exceed six months' average expenditures (expanded from a three-month threshold). With the increased allowance and completed previous years' spend-down plans, the LISD 240 Child Nutrition Fund is projected to not have excess net cash resources (an excessive fund balance). The fund balance will continue to be monitored for any need for proactive spend down.
- Specific information regarding meal prices for the 2025–2026 school year is not yet available from the USDA. An update should be available to share with the Board of Trustees in May 2025.