



Board Meeting Date: 5/11/2026

Title: Food Service Management Contract – 2026-2027 School Year

Type: Consent

Presenter(s): Mert Woodard – Director, Finance & Operations

Description: Prior to the start of the 2022-2023 school year the District conducted a request for proposals (RFP) process to select a vendor to provide the District with school nutrition management services. Various District stakeholders were involved in the RFP process, including, but not limited to, Board members, District administration, the District's appointed sourcing agent, families of students, and students. A district-wide survey was also an element of the selection process. Compass Group USA, Inc. through its Chartwells division was selected to continue as the District's school nutrition manager.

Feedback over the last 4 four school years indicates that Chartwells has met expectations and provided quality service to the District. From fiscal year 2023, the first year of the current agreement that moved the District from a fixed-price food service model to a cost reimbursable model that provides for more a more flexible menu, to the current school year, lunch participation has increased 34.86 percent. For the same period, breakfast participation has increased 76.43 percent. In terms of fund balance, from the end of fiscal year 2022 to the end of fiscal year 2026, a total fund balance increase of \$1,208,985 is forecasted. This is more than 20.00 percent of a \$5,000,000 operation.

The 2026-27 school year would be the final year of the current agreement, and a new Request for Proposal process will be conducted sometime during fiscal year 2027.

Recommendation: Authorize the Director of Finance & Operations to execute all agreements necessary to put into effect the fifth and final year, the 2026-2027 school year, of the five year agreement with Chartwells for school nutrition management services.

Desired Outcomes from the Board: Approve the administration's recommendation.

Attachments:

1. Food Service Management Sourcing Summary - 2022