



Executive Summary Finance Committee Meeting

DATE: August 21, 2025

TOPIC: Meal Magic Purchase for the 2025-2026 School Year

PREPARED BY: Jordan Stephen

Recommended for:

- ☒ Action
- ☒ Discussion
- ☒ Information

Purpose/Background:

In 2024, Lincolnwood School District was informed by Vanco, the parent company of Total K12, that their Point of Sale (POS) software would sunset on January 1, 2026. In response, the District explored several alternative solutions that could not only integrate with our student information system but also work seamlessly with RevTrak. One of our key requirements was that the new system preserve the familiar experience parents have when paying for school lunches. After careful consideration of various software platforms, the District has decided to move forward with Meal Magic.

Meal Magic Corporation has been providing web-based food service management systems for K–12 schools since 2004. The company has introduced innovative technologies and optimized performance to deliver its flagship product, Meal Magic, as a leading Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) solution. The platform allows for comprehensive food service management through a web interface compatible with popular browsers.

The Meal Magic system includes modules for processing free and reduced-price meal applications, verification, EBF collection, customer management, and extensive reporting—features that are all part of the standard administrative package. The platform is designed to be scalable, allowing Districts to start small and expand functionality at their own pace. Meal Magic interfaces with student data systems via a simple API-based data exchange, ensuring information stays current. It also integrates with the Family Portal to provide parents with real-time, up-to-the-minute account information.

This item is awaiting review from District Legal Counsel.

Fiscal Impact:

\$5,194 for the purchase and set up of Meal Magic, the setup and configuration of data services and family portals. Recurring cost for this subscription will be \$4,395.

Recommendation:

The Finance Committee concurs with the Administration's recommendation to the Board of Education to approve this quote from Meal Magic Corporation for the purchase of support and services in the amount of \$5,194 from September 5, 2025 to September 4, 2026.