

**FOR ACTION**

**Lisle Community Unit School Dist. No. 202  
Board of Education Meeting  
March 23, 2026**

**SUBJECT:** Contract Renewal Agreement for Food Service Management Company – School Year 2026-2027

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Administration recommends that the Board of Education approve the Contract Renewal Agreement for Food Management Services from Chartwells for 2026-2027 as presented, pending approval by the Illinois State Board of Education.

**BACKGROUND DATA:** In May 2024, the Board of Education approved a contract with Chartwells as the District’s Food Service Management Company for the 2024–2025 school year. Federal regulations allow school districts to renew food service management agreements for up to four additional one-year terms beyond the initial contract year. The proposed renewal represents the third year of the agreement and the second of four allowable annual renewals.

The original contract terms outlined in the RFP specifications state that any annual adjustment to the fixed per-meal rates is limited to the Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers – Food Away From Home (December). The CPI-U Food Away From Home index for December 2025 was 4.1%.

The attached Contract Renewal Agreement reflects a 4.1% increase to Chartwells’ reimbursable breakfast, reimbursable lunch, and a la carte equivalent meal rates for the 2026–2027 school year.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** The estimated cost for food management services, before lunch receipts or federal lunch reimbursements, is projected to be approximately \$650,000. This amount will be included in the FY2027 budget.

**SUGGESTED MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the Contract Renewal Agreement for Food Management Services from Chartwells for the school year 2026-2027 as presented, reflecting a 4.1% increase in the cost of reimbursable breakfasts, reimbursable lunches, and a la carte equivalents fee pending approval by the Illinois State Board of Education.