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### Food Services for the 2025-26 School Year

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**Background:**

The Board of Education discussed Sodexo's proposal to extend its food service contract with the District for Benjamin Middle School and a proposal to start lunch service at Evergreen Elementary School. The Evergreen proposal included various per-meal cost structures based on staffing.

After the discussion, the Board of Education directed the administration to prepare an agreement with Sodexo to provide a hot lunch program under the guidelines presented within “*Option 2b: Hot Lunch with Sodexo-Staffed Server; paid by the District: Proposed 2025-26 Rate: \$4.09*” detailed in April’s **EES Lunch Program Update Memo**.

Under this option, the District would offer a hot meal menu for \$4.09 per meal. This rate would require the District to pay the cost of the Sodexo-provided server at \$125 per day. The annual salary cost would be \$21,875 plus daily mileage (\$4,410) for a total of \$26,285.

**Recommendation:**

The Administration recommends that the Board approve the amendment to the District’s Food Service contract dated June 12, 2001 with Sodexo America, LLC, to continue food service at Benjamin Middle School at a per-meal price of \$4.09, and to begin a hot lunch program at Evergreen Elementary at a per-meal price of \$4.09. To maintain this per-meal cost, the District will pay the costs associated with a Sodexo-provided server at an estimated cost of \$26,285.

Once approved, the administration will begin discussions with Sodexo regarding logistical and promotional implementation of the Evergreen Lunch Program.

Respectfully submitted,

