
Board of Education

ACTION

TITLE: Consider Approving Lease Agreement

DATE: June 17, 2020

RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR: Charles Warren, CFO

VISION 2023 STRATEGY: Parameter “We will be responsible stewards of our resources” supporting all seven strategies

BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:

In accordance with the District’s current construction schedule, Southside will be without a Child Nutrition (CN) kitchen for the first four months of school in FY21. The CN serving line facility will be the east safe room for this same period. Northside will be without both a CN kitchen and a CN service line facility for the entire upcoming school year.

Reviewing a variety of options, the administration recommends the following solution.

CN proposes to rent the commercial kitchen equipment and facilities from Grand Avenue Baptist Church (GABC). CN staff will cook the meals at GABC for both high schools and transport the food daily to the two campuses for the first four months. For the remaining school year, the GABC equipment and facilities will be utilized for preparing Northside meals.

The lease agreement (provided to the School Board separately) was prepared by the District’s attorney. The term is for twelve months at a cost of \$1,000 per month. The CN staff desire to begin prepping the GABC facilities in July.

While many venues were reviewed, the GABC equipment and facility was chosen for its size, accessibility, location, and availability. CN staff plans to bring in additional equipment to the GABC facilities for storage and food prep purposes.

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As previously mentioned, Southside will host a CN serving line operation in the east safe room. Northside, however, will require the purchase of an additional serving cottage (formerly known as a portable building). This building will be placed on the Northside campus for the full school year. The building will provide appropriate spacing for social distancing and allow CN staff to prepare salads and other meals not requiring to be cooked.

Additional cost of this remote kitchen include the purchases of cargo vans and heated transport cabinets. These items will be available for CN after the remote kitchen operations are complete. Total costs for the remote kitchen set up and operations are estimated to be \$400,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends the board consider approving the lease agreement with GABC for the fiscal year of 2020-2021 to provide equipment and facilities for a remote kitchen.

If the Board agrees, the motion would read: ***move to approve the lease agreement with Grand Avenue Baptist Church for the use of the church's commercial kitchen equipment and facilities for 2020-2021.***

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