



Executive Summary Finance Committee Meeting

DATE: October 24, 2024

TOPIC: WasteNot, Inc. Service Contract

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Recommended for:

- Action
- Discussion
- Information

Purpose/Background:

After a successful year adding a variety of scratch-made, fresher menu items; the kitchen staff is looking to lessen its landfill footprint this year. In that spirit, the staff is exploring usage of reusable glasses for milk and water, compostable utensils, and biodegradable straws.

This Service Contract from WasteNot, Inc. provides an alternative to throwing out all our food waste. We are looking to pilot this program at 8th for the rest of the year. Students would be trained to separate their food waste from other garbage. From there, the designated receptacle is scheduled for a once a week pick-up and the food waste turned into compost avoiding the landfill. We will also be identifying ways to connect composting to the curriculum.

Depending on the pilot's success, the District may expand the footprint of this program into younger grades.

District Legal Counsel reviewed this Service Contract and authored a standard Amendment addressing auto-renewal, governing law/venue, and indemnification amongst other topics. WasteNot, Inc. agreed to all the terms in the Amendment.

Fiscal Impact:

\$36/week

Recommendation:

It is the Administrative recommendation that the Finance Committee concurs to recommend to the Board of Education to approve this Service Contract from WasteNot, Inc. for food waste removal/composting in the amount of \$36/week from November 8, 2024 to November 7, 2025.