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Superintendent of Schools

To: RIMSD 41 Board of Education
From: Dr. Sharon Williams
Cabinet Champion: Beth MacKenna, Director of Nutrition Services
Date: May 12, 2026
Re: Nutrition Service Distribution Bid Recommendation (2026-2027)

The Illinois School Meals Cooperative (formerly the LaSalle County Cooperative Agreement) has completed the Nutrition Service distribution bid process. Following evaluation, the contract has been awarded to Kohl Wholesale.

Four distributors attended the pre-bid meeting: Kohl Wholesale, Sysco, Martin Brothers, and Gordon Food Service. Of those, Kohl Wholesale and Sysco, submitted bids. Sysco's bid was submitted after the deadline and was also incomplete; therefore, it could not be considered.

The ROE35 Illinois School Meals Cooperative (ISMC) reserves the right to extend the contract for up to ninety (90) days, if necessary, to ensure continuity of service until a new or replacement contract is finalized. Any such extension shall be subject to mutual agreement between the ROE35 ISMC and the contracted vendor.

Pricing adjustments will be considered only in conjunction with contract rollovers or approved extensions.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract rollover with Kohl Wholesale, 103 Jersey Street, Quincy, Illinois, for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027 not to exceed four (4) extensions.

Investment Period: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027
Total Investment: \$1,716,000.00
Funding Source: Nutrition Department Fund

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