



Date: April 7, 2025
To: Dr. Robert Halverson, Superintendent of Schools
East Aurora School District 131 Board of Education
From: Dr. Michael Engel, Chief Financial Officer/CSBO
Subject: Recommendation to Approve the Food Service Contract Renewal with Sodexo (Middle Schools and High Schools) for the 2025-2026 School Year as presented

The Issue:

Board of Education contracts food service for student meals on an annual basis.

Board Policy and Past Practices:

Pursuant to Board Policy 4:60, the Superintendent shall manage the district's purchases and contracts in accordance with State law, the standards set forth in the policy, and other applicable Board of Education policies.

Strategic Plan:

This recommendation supports the Strategic Goal #2, Operational Excellence that states the following: East Aurora School District 131 will align and utilize systems and resources that promote Operational Excellence, Efficiency, and Fiscal Accountability.

Community Impact:

n/a

Supporting Data

As part of the annual renewal process, food service providers must provide a financial rationale for the increases they request. It is worth noting that the approved increase may not exceed the Consumer Price Index-Food Away from Home rate which, for this renewal is 3.6%. Sodexo is requesting a 3.0% increase in meal costs to support their increase costs for labor, food, distribution and manufacturing. Sodexo proposed prices for breakfast and lunch are \$2.266 and \$4.3445 respectively.

Financial Impact:

Reimbursement rates for next fiscal year have not been released to date, however, the current year rates are \$4.54 for lunch and \$2.84 for breakfast. Sodexo submitted pricing for breakfast and lunch at \$2.266 and \$4.3445 respectively.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract for Food Service Contract Renewal with Sodexo as presented.

Timeline for Decision:

April 21, 2025