

FOR ACTION

Lisle Community Unit School Dist. No. 202 Board of Education Meeting March 24, 2024

SUBJECT: Contract Renewal Agreement for Food Service Management Company – School Year 2025-2026

RECOMMENDATION: The Administration recommends that the Board of Education approve the Contract Renewal Agreement for Food Management Services from Chartwells for 2025-2026 as presented pending approval by the Illinois State Board of Education.

BACKGROUND DATA: In May 2024, the Board of Education accepted a food service management company proposal from Chartwells for the 2024-2025 school year. Federal regulations allow for four additional annual extensions to the food service management agreement beyond the initial year. The current renewal is year one of four. The original contract terms outlined in the RFP specifications stated that the basis for any increase from one year to the next would be the Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers-Food Away From Home annual rate for December of the current school year. The CPI-U-Food Away From Home (Dec) for 2024 was 3.6%. The attached Contract Renewal Agreement reflects a 3.6% increase in the cost of Chartwell's reimbursable breakfast, reimbursable lunches, and a la carte equivalents fee for the 2025-2026 school year.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The estimated cost for food management services, before lunch receipts or federal lunch reimbursements, is projected to be approximately \$540,000. This amount will be included in the FY2026 budget.

SUGGESTED MOTION: That the Board of Education approves the Contract Renewal Agreement for Food Management Services from Chartwells for 2025-2026 as presented reflecting a 3.6% increase in the cost of reimbursable breakfasts, reimbursable lunches, and a la carte equivalents fee pending approval by the Illinois State Board of Education.