



# Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: General Function Board of Education Meeting: 03/04/2026

Item Title: Budget Amendment #018 X Action  
Information  
Discussion

## BACKGROUND:

The Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) Department is requesting a reallocation of funds to purchase an auxiliary power generator and two freezer-ready 6,000 # capacity forklifts. An auxiliary generator is a necessity for operating the large freezer that's currently under construction, when complete and functional, in the event of an extended power outage. Power outages promote the possibility of losing millions of dollars of USDA Commodity Food by the freezer shutting down and the food thawing and staying thawed until spoiled. The generator will keep the freezer operating during a power outage and maintain the food frozen thereby avoiding such a catastrophe. The generator will be equipped with a fuel tank large enough to keep the freezer running for a total of 72 hours.

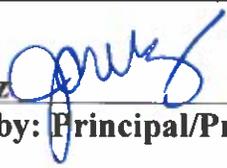
## FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

101 — Food and Nutrition Services Fund

Function 35-Food Services	\$	(140,000.00)
Function 81-Construction/Renovation		140,000.00
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## RECOMMENDATION:

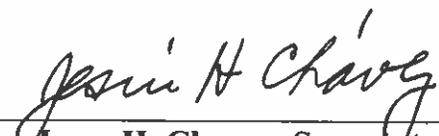
Recommend approval of Budget Amendment #018 in the amount of \$140,000.00 for Fund 101 – Food and Nutrition Services. (Reallocation)

Jackie Cruz   
Submitted by: Principal/Program Director

Approved for Submission to Board of Education:

Recommended by: Asst. Supt./Exec. Dir.

Rosario Peña   
Approved by: Chief Financial Officer

  
Dr. Jesus H. Chavez, Superintendent