



## Board of Education

**TO:** Board of Education  
**FROM:** Karen Apostoli, Executive Director of Business and Operations  
**DATE:** May 22, 2025  
**RE:** Aramark Food Service Renewal

### This memo is:

- ☐ Information only.  
☐ Information with a recommendation, and a request for Board consent.  
☒ Information with a recommendation, and a request for Board approval by vote.

Date by which a Board decision is needed: June 5, 2025

Previous memos on this topic can be found:

- ☒ in previous Board packet(s) dated. 08/01/2024  
☐ or attached to this memo

### Basic information:

Aramark Corporation is our current food service provider as a result of last year's food procurement process. They have submitted their proposal for contract renewal for the school year 2025-2026. This 1-year renewal is the 2nd year of the allowable 5-year renewals (1 year at a time) for any food service provider. The contract calls for an increase of 3.6% over the contract for the 2024-25 school year. This is in line with the CPI (Consumer Price Index) Food Away From Home (Dec. 2024) food cost increase nationally. This percentage is calculated by the U.S. Dept of Labor (see attached).

Because of D33's high level of Low-Income students, we are able to offer every student in D33 a free breakfast and lunch every school day through the CEP program. The State (they administer this Federal program) then reimburses the district approximately 99% of the cost to serve our students. The total cost to serve our students in a normal school year is approximately \$1.9 million per year.

PER MEAL PRICES MUST BE QUOTED AS IF NO USDA COMMODITIES WILL BE RECEIVED

	2024-2025 Rate(s)	2025-2026 Rate(s)**	Percentage Increase ***
<b>School Nutrition Programs (SNP)</b>			
Reimbursable Breakfast w/ Milk	\$2.1739	\$2.2521	3.6%
Reimbursable Lunch w/ Milk*	\$2.7717	\$2.8714	3.6%
A la Carte Equivalent Meal Rate*	\$2.7717	\$2.8714	3.6%
Reimbursable After School Snack	\$1.2076	\$1.2510	3.6%
Special Milk Program (SMP)			
Management Fee per School Meal (Breakfast and Lunch)			

<b>Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)</b>			
Reimbursable At-Risk After School Snack			
Reimbursable At-Risk After School Supper w/ Milk			
Reimbursable AM/PM Snack (Pre-K)			

<b>Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)</b>			
Reimbursable Breakfast w/ Milk	\$2.1739	\$2.2521	3.6%
Reimbursable Lunch w/ Milk	\$2.7717	\$2.8714	3.6%

\*Rates must be the same.

\*\*Rates must not be rounded up. Do not exceed four decimal places.

\*\*\*Percentage increase must not exceed the allowable increase established in the original contract.

<b>Background or historical information:</b>
<b>Previous decisions, actions or parameters that relate to this topic or issue:</b>
<b>Recommendations:</b>
Administration is recommending that the BOE approve the 1 year contract renewal with Aramark Corporation for the 2025-26 school year.
<b>Other questions? What else does the Board wish to know?:</b>