

**PALESTINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

Date: April 10, 2019
To: Board of Trustees
From: David Atkeisson, CFO
Subject: Extension of Food Service Management Contract

Texas Department of Agriculture, the regulating body for food service in public schools, allows districts to enter into a contract with a food service management company for a 1-year contract, renewable annually for up to five years. In 2016, we awarded, through the proposal process, our food service contract to Chartwells, a division of Compass Group. Chartwells has operated the food service of PISD with a positive balance and continues to work to maintain quality meals with good service.

It is my recommendation that PISD extend our agreement with Chartwells for the 2019-20 school year.

Please note that USDA guidelines determine the minimum price point for meals. We anticipate having the updated information by the first of June so that we may make a recommendation for meal prices to the Board in June.

Respectfully submitted,



David Atkeisson
Director of Business Services/Chief Financial Officer