



Splendoria ISD Board of Trustees Agenda Item Information Form

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 21, 2025

AGENDA ITEM NAME: Approval of Combi-Steamer Ovens to Replace Existing High School Convection Ovens

THIS ITEM RELATES TO STRATEGIC PLAN PILLAR(S):

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The replacement of the existing convection ovens at Splendoria High School is both necessary and justified due to the advanced age, deteriorating condition, and lack of operability of the current units. The ovens have exceeded their expected service life and are now beyond repair. Despite multiple repair attempts, the required parts are either no longer available or are cost-prohibitive in relation to the condition and remaining utility of the equipment.

The current ovens present significant safety and operational challenges. Staff must use hot pads wrapped in duct tape to avoid burns when opening or closing the oven doors. The original door handles are broken, and kitchen staff must now rely on pliers or other tools to open and close the doors. A temporary piece of wood has even been fastened in place as a makeshift handle. Additionally, the ovens fail to maintain proper calibration, often resulting in inaccurate cooking temperatures and inconsistent cook times. These deficiencies compromise food safety and have become a daily disruption to efficient kitchen operations.

In addition, traditional convection ovens no longer align with the evolving needs of modern child nutrition programs. Replacing them with energy-efficient, multifunctional combi steamer ovens will enhance food quality, improve safety and efficiency, and ensure compliance with USDA nutrition standards and food safety requirements. This investment is critical to supporting high-quality meal service for students and maintaining a safe and functional kitchen environment.

Following a thorough evaluation of the bids received in response to RFP No. 26-02, published on June 30, 2025, the recommendation is to award the contract to Bargreen Ellingson INK, pending final approval from the Splendoria ISD Board and the Texas Department of Agriculture. The total project cost is \$89,008.00.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Bargreen Ellingson INK RFP Response
2. Culinary Depot Chef's Depot RFP Response
3. Kommercial Kitchen "No-Bid" Response Documentation
4. Bid Tabulations Metrics Workbook

BUDGET INFORMATION: \$100,000.00 was budgeted from Child Nutrition funds for this project; the total project cost is \$89,008.00.

RESOURCE PERSONNEL:

RECOMMENDED MOTION: