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Superintendent of Schools

To: RIMSD 41 Board of Education
From: Dr. Sharon Williams
Cabinet Champion: Beth MacKenna, Director of Nutrition Services
Date: March 10, 2026
Re: Milk Vendor Recommendation

The district solicited bids for milk products for the 2026–2027 school year. Bids were requested from multiple vendors to provide 1% white milk, skim chocolate milk, and Lactaid milk for our schools.

Bid Responses:

Dan and Debbie’s Creamery, Ely, IA: Declined to submit a bid.

Jerry’s Milk Service, Rock Island, IL: Declined to submit a bid.

AE Dairy, Des Moines, IA:

- 1% White Milk – Escalator Price: \$0.3599; Firm Price: \$0.4099
- Skim Chocolate Milk – Escalator Price: \$0.4076; Firm Price: \$0.4576

Prairie Farms Dairy, Dubuque, IA:

- 1% White Milk – Escalator Price: \$0.3372; Firm Price: \$0.3872
- Skim Chocolate Milk – Escalator Price: \$0.3545; Firm Price: \$0.4045
- Lactaid Milk – Escalator Price: \$0.9167; Firm Price: \$0.9667

After reviewing the bids for pricing and product availability, Prairie Farms Dairy, Dubuque, IA, is recommended as the primary milk vendor for the 2026–2027 school year. Their bid provides the most competitive pricing on both 1% white and skim chocolate milk and includes Lactaid milk, which is essential for students with dietary restrictions.

The district may, at its discretion, extend the contract annually for up to three additional years. The maximum contract term will be July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029.

Investment Period: July 1, 2026 – July 1, 2027 with the option to extend up to three additional years ending June 30, 2029

Total Investment: \$288,164.40

Funding Source: Nutrition Services Department

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