



Executive Summary Finance Committee Meeting

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TOPIC: Heartland School Solutions - Mosaic Platform

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Recommended for:

Action

Discussion

Information

Purpose/Background:

Over the past year, the District's Food Service Director has been running the program as efficiently as possible with the past lunch records that were available. Traditionally, much of this work was done using notebooks, spreadsheets, and handwritten recipes. Recognizing this, the Food Service Director approached the technology department for assistance in developing a more sophisticated spreadsheet to track recipes, analyze food waste, make ingredient substitutions, all along with controlling costs and overhead. After reviewing the request, it became clear that our efforts would fall short of what was really needed.

Through discussions with Heartland School Systems, current provider of MealViewer, we were introduced to the Mosaic FOH (Front of House) platform product. This product offers comprehensive management capabilities for recipes, ingredients, shopping lists, inventory, and more. Mosaic allows for the creation of recipes tailored to different serving sizes, whether for 100 or 500.

Key features include:

- Easy creation and scaling of menus with hundreds of recipes and thousands of preloaded ingredients.

- Cost control by tracking product expenses, projecting future meals, and making substitutions to manage costs.
- Continual updates to menu planning solutions to ensure compliance with the latest federal and state nutrient analysis guidelines.
- Extensive reporting options on nutrient analysis or production quantities, with custom reports available in various downloadable formats.
- Reduction of waste and overproduction through automated forecasting, adjustments, and leftover management.
- Cloud-based access, allowing users to update menus from the office, home, or on-the-go from nearly any internet-connected device.
- The system will not be integrated with any student or teacher data; it solely handles food item quantities and meals.

Given these capabilities, the Administration believes Mosaic would be a valuable addition to the District's Food Services program, allowing SD74 to maintain more accurate records and improve back-office efficiency.

We have reached out to the District's legal counsel to determine if an addendum to the current contract with Heartland School Systems would be necessary. Since the system does not process or store student or teacher information, no additional SOPPA compliance should be required.

Fiscal Impact:

The financial impact of implementing Mosaic would be \$5,849 for the first year. Annual recurring costs for this software would be \$3,450 per year.

Recommendation:

This summary is for informational purposes. The Administration requests direction from the Finance Committee on next steps.