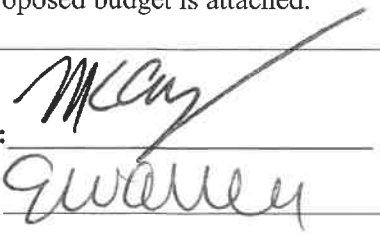


**BOARD OF EDUCATION
LULING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

AGENDA ITEM: Action Item	Date: May 29, 2025
SUBJECT: Luling ISD Contract with Aramark Educational Services, LLC – 1 st Amendment	Submitted by: Manell Martin Related Pages: 11
BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Luling ISD has a five-year contract with Aramark Educational Services, LLC to provide food service operations for the district. This contract amendment will be the 1 st renewal on the five-year contract. The original contract went into effect July 1, 2024 and will expire on June 30, 2029. This amendment will go into effect on July 1, 2025 and will expire June 30, 2026. Proposed amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- change in fixed meal rates charged by Aramark to Luling ISD. This change reflects an increase in price of 3.6% to the breakfast, lunch, snack and a la carte meal rate which is equal to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) of 3.6% published by the US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics for the category of "Food Away From Home." See attached document with this information and for the proposed price increase.	
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Move to approve the proposed amendments to the food service management contract with Aramark Educational Services, LLC.	BUDGETARY INFO. 2025-2026 food service budget (Fund 240) will be affected. Proposed budget is attached.

Board President's Approval: _____

Superintendent's Approval: _____

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TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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04/24/25

VIA EMAIL TO: erin.warren@luling.txed.net, manell.martin@luling.txed.net

Erin Warren
Luling ISD

RE: Food Service Management Company (FSMC) Renewal Approval for 2025-2026.

Name of Approved Vendor: Aramark Educational Services, LLC

Dear Erin Warren,

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) has received and reviewed the FSMC contract renewal for the 2025-2026 school year. The contract renewal, as submitted, is approved for execution.

Changes to the contract are not permitted unless written approval from TDA is obtained before the contract is executed. Contracts that are altered or amended in any way may result in unallowed costs that require reimbursement from non-federal funds or a rebid of the contract.

Submit a copy of the complete contract, signed by all parties to FSMC@TexasAgriculture.gov no later than June 20, 2025.

Contracts and supporting documentation including all procurement documents must be retained and are subject to review by the United States Department of Agriculture and other federal and state agencies. It is the School Food Authority's responsibility to ensure the Food Service operation is in compliance with regulations.

If you have any questions, please contact FSMC@texasagriculture.gov or your ESC.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Robinson

Stephanie Robinson, MBA
Administrator, Business Management
Food and Nutrition Division
Texas Department of Agriculture
cc: ESC
FSMC mailbox



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CONTRACT RENEWAL NO. 1

**School Nutrition Programs
Food Service Management Company Contract
School Year 2025-2026**

This amendment ("Amendment") by and between the parties shown below shall be effective as of the date this Amendment is fully executed.

FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT COMPANY CONTRACT	
School Food Authority (SFA):	Luling ISD
Food Service Management Company (FSMC):	Aramark Educational Services, LLC
Contract No.:	24-001
Original Contract Effective Date:	July 1, 2024
Renewal Contract Term:	July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026
Amendment No.:	1

Whereas, the Food Service Management Company Contract defined above ("Contract") has an initial contract term commencing July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025;

Whereas, SFA and FSMC wish to renew the Contract for an additional one-year term; and

Whereas, FSMC warrants it has complied with all requirements of the Contract during the Current Contract Term;

Now, therefore, in consideration of the foregoing, the undersigned parties agree as follows:

1. **Renewal of Contract.** The Contract is hereby renewed for a period of one year commencing July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, unless terminated in accordance with the terms of the Contract.
2. **Price Adjustments.** Meal rates for the renewed contract year may be adjusted (increased or decreased) in an amount not to exceed the annual percent change of the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, Food Away from Home series. SFA and FSMC have mutually agreed to the prices or fees for the renewed contract year as set forth in the Fixed Price Meal Rates attached to this Amendment (Attachment 1) and fully incorporated herein.
3. The projected budget for the renewed contract year is shown in the Food Service Budget sheet attached to this Amendment (Attachment 2) and fully incorporated herein.
4. **Meal Equivalents Rate or Meal Equivalency Factor.** The meal equivalents rate or meal equivalency factor is determined based on the previous year federal free rate of reimbursement + State match

reimbursement rate + the value of USDA Foods.

5. Additional Non-material Scope and Contract Modifications. Modifications effective in the renewed contract year which do not create a material change are described in the Additional Contract Modifications form attached to this Amendment (Attachment 3) and fully incorporated herein.
6. Revised Program Requirements. FSMC agrees to meet all School Nutrition Program requirements including requirements that become effective during the renewed contract year.
7. Entire Agreement. Except as set forth in this Amendment, the provisions and conditions of the Contract and all amendments thereto are unaffected and shall continue in full force and effect. This Amendment and the Contract (including any previous written amendments thereto), collectively, are the complete agreement of the parties and supersede any prior agreements or representations, whether oral or written, with respect thereto. If there is conflict between this Amendment and the Contract or any earlier amendment, the terms of this Amendment shall prevail.
8. Signature Warranties. Each person signing below represents and warrants that he or she is authorized to execute and bind their respective party to this Amendment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be signed by their duly authorized representative.

SCHOOL FOOD AUTHORITY

Luling ISD

Name of SFA

Enter Date

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Manell Martin

Printed/Typed Name of Authorized Representative

Chief Financial Officer

Title

FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT COMPANY

Aramark Educational Services LLC

Name of FSMC

Enter Date 5/5/25



Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Derek Jones

Printed/Typed Name of Authorized Representative

Vice President

Title



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Contract Renewal School Year 2025-2026
Attachment 1
Meal Rates

School Nutrition Program(s)	Current School Year Rate	Percentage Changed	Renewal School Year Rate
National School Lunch Program:			
Breakfast (SBP)	\$ 2.6200	3.6000%	\$ 2.7143
Lunch (NSLP)	\$ 4.2250	3.6000%	\$ 4.3771
Afterschool Care Program (ASCP)	\$ 1.1900	3.6000%	\$ 1.2328
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP):			
At-Risk Breakfast			\$ -
At-Risk Lunch/Supper			\$ -
At-Risk Snack			\$ -
Traditional Breakfast			\$ -
Traditional Lunch			\$ -
Traditional Snack			\$ -
Summer Programs:			
Breakfast (SFSP/SSO)	\$ 2.6200	3.6000%	\$ 2.7143
Lunch (SFSP/SSO)	\$ 4.2250	3.6000%	\$ 4.3771
Snack (SFSP/ SSO)			\$ -
Non-Program Meal Equivalent	\$ 4.2250	3.6000%	\$ 4.3771
Special Milk Program (SMP)			\$ -

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Methodology for Calculation of Increase in Fixed Meal Rates

Aramark has utilized the following methodology in calculating the increase in its Fixed Meal Rates for the 2025-2026 school year.

Aramark's Fixed Meal Rates were increased by a percentage equivalent to the percentage change in (CPI – U) Food Away From Home ("CPI") based on the rates as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor and Statistics (December 11, 2024 report).

CPI – U Food Away From Home

Index, November 2023	360.383
Index, November 2024	373.530
Increase	13.147
% Increase	3.6%

	SY 24/25				SY 25/26
Breakfast Meal Rate	\$ 2.620	X	1.036	=	\$ 2.7143
Lunch Meal Rate	\$ 4.225	X	1.036	=	\$ 4.3771
Snack Meal Rate	\$ 1.190	X	1.036	=	\$ 1.2328
A la Carte Meal Rate	\$ 4.225	X	1.036	=	\$ 4.3771
Summer Breakfast (SSO)	\$ 2.620	X	1.036	=	\$ 2.7143
Summer Lunch (SSO)	\$4.225	X	1.036	=	\$ 4.3771

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – NOVEMBER 2024

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.3 percent on a seasonally adjusted basis in November, after rising 0.2 percent in each of the previous 4 months, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Over the last 12 months, the all items index increased 2.7 percent before seasonal adjustment.

The index for shelter rose 0.3 percent in November, accounting for nearly forty percent of the monthly all items increase. The food index also increased over the month, rising 0.4 percent as the food at home index increased 0.5 percent and the food away from home index rose 0.3 percent. The energy index rose 0.2 percent over the month, after being unchanged in October.

The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.3 percent in November, as it did in each of the previous 3 months. Indexes that increased in November include shelter, used cars and trucks, household furnishings and operations, medical care, new vehicles, and recreation. The index for communication was among the few major indexes that decreased over the month.

The all items index rose 2.7 percent for the 12 months ending November, after rising 2.6 percent over the 12 months ending October. The all items less food and energy index rose 3.3 percent over the last 12 months. The energy index decreased 3.2 percent for the 12 months ending November. The food index increased 2.4 percent over the last year.

Chart 1. One-month percent change in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), seasonally adjusted, Nov. 2023 - Nov. 2024
Percent change

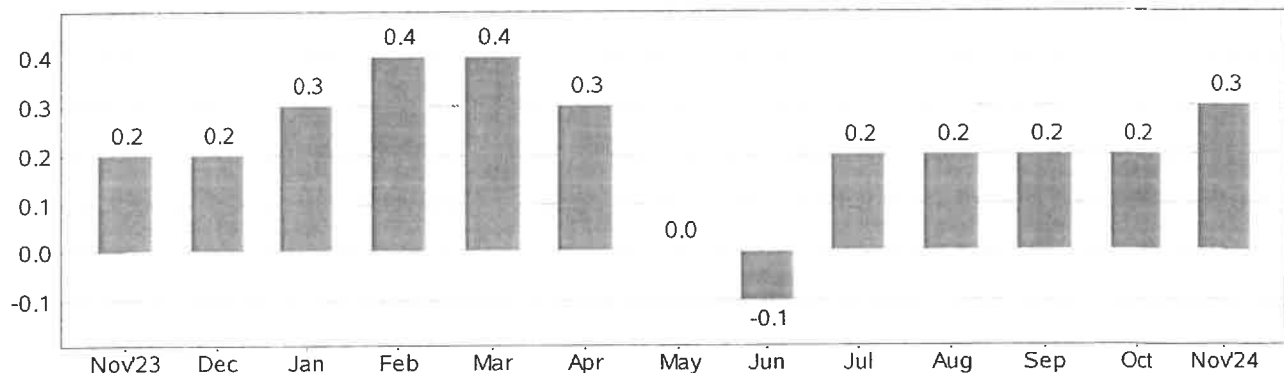


Chart 2. 12-month percent change in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), not seasonally adjusted, Nov. 2023 - Nov. 2024
Percent change

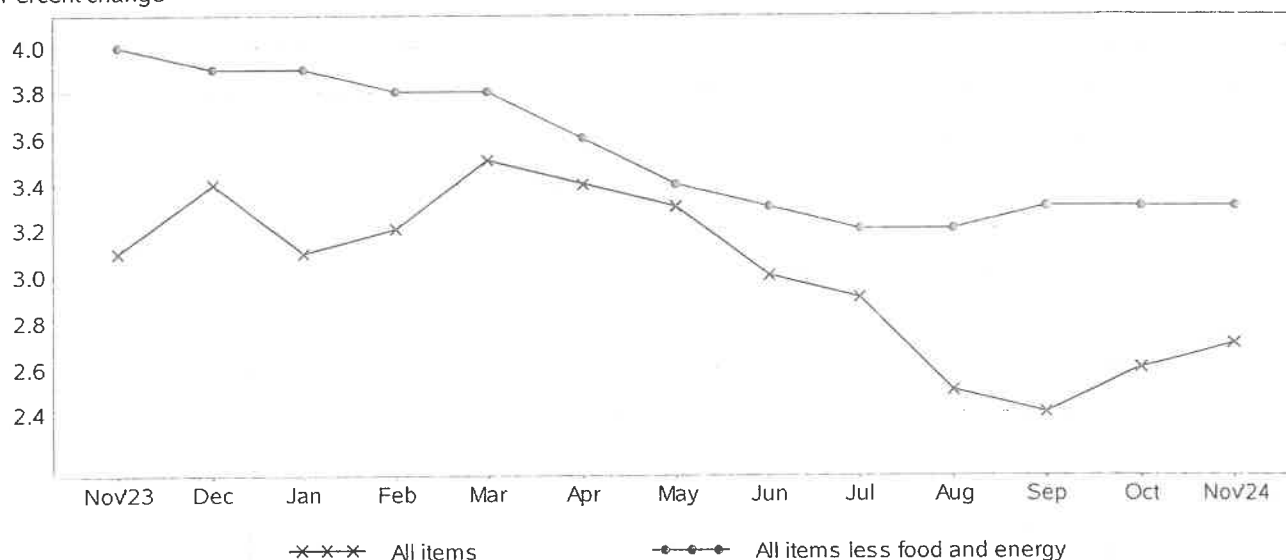


Table A. Percent changes in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average

	Seasonally adjusted changes from preceding month							Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Nov. 2024
	May 2024	Jun. 2024	Jul. 2024	Aug. 2024	Sep. 2024	Oct. 2024	Nov. 2024	
All items.....	0.0	-0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	2.7
Food.....	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.4	2.4
Food at home.....	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.5	1.6
Food away from home ¹	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	3.6
Energy.....	-2.0	-2.0	0.0	-0.8	-1.9	0.0	0.2	-3.2
Energy commodities.....	-3.5	-3.7	0.1	-0.6	-4.0	-1.0	0.5	-8.5
Gasoline (all types).....	-3.6	-3.8	0.0	-0.6	-4.1	-0.9	0.6	-8.1
Fuel oil.....	-0.4	-2.4	0.9	-1.9	-6.0	-4.6	0.6	-19.5
Energy services.....	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.9	0.7	1.0	-0.1	2.8
Electricity.....	0.0	-0.7	0.1	-0.7	0.7	1.2	-0.4	3.1
Utility (piped) gas service.....	-0.8	2.4	-0.7	-1.9	0.7	0.3	1.0	1.8
All items less food and energy.....	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	3.3
Commodities less food and energy								
commodities.....	0.0	-0.1	-0.3	-0.2	0.2	0.0	0.3	-0.6
New vehicles.....	-0.5	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.6	-0.7
Used cars and trucks.....	0.6	-1.5	-2.3	-1.0	0.3	2.7	2.0	-3.4
Apparel.....	-0.3	0.1	-0.4	0.3	1.1	-1.5	0.2	1.1
Medical care commodities ¹	1.3	0.2	0.2	-0.2	-0.7	-0.2	-0.1	0.4
Services less energy services.....	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	4.6
Shelter.....	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.3	4.7
Transportation services.....	-0.5	-0.5	0.4	0.9	1.4	0.4	0.0	7.1
Medical care services.....	0.3	0.2	-0.3	-0.1	0.7	0.4	0.4	3.7

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

Food

The index for food increased 0.4 percent in November, after rising 0.2 percent in October. The food at home index rose 0.5 percent over the month. Four of the six major grocery store food group indexes increased in November. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs rose 1.7 percent over the month, as the index for beef increased 3.1 percent and the index for eggs rose 8.2 percent. The nonalcoholic beverages index increased 1.5 percent in November, after rising 0.4 percent in October. The index for other food at home rose 0.1 percent over the month and the index for fruits and vegetables increased 0.2 percent.

The cereals and bakery products index fell 1.1 percent in November, the largest 1-month decrease ever reported for the index which was first published in 1989. The index for dairy and related products declined 0.1 percent over the month.

The food away from home index rose 0.3 percent in November, after rising 0.2 percent in October. The index for full service meals also rose 0.3 percent over the month as did the index for limited service meals.

The food at home index rose 1.6 percent over the last 12 months. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs rose 3.8 percent over the last 12 months and the index for nonalcoholic beverages increased 2.8 percent. Over the same period, the fruits and vegetables index rose 1.1 percent and the other food at home index increased 0.7 percent. The index for dairy and related products increased 1.2 percent over the year. In contrast, the cereals and bakery products index declined 0.5 percent over the last year, the largest 12-month decline since December 2017.

The food away from home index rose 3.6 percent over the last year. The index for limited service meals increased 3.7 percent over the last 12 months and the index for full service meals rose 3.6 percent over the same period.

Energy

The energy index increased 0.2 percent in November, after being unchanged in October. The gasoline index increased 0.6 percent over the month. (Before seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices decreased 2.9 percent in November.) The natural gas index rose 1.0 percent over the month, after rising 0.3 percent in October. In contrast, the index for electricity fell 0.4 percent in November.

The energy index decreased 3.2 percent over the past 12 months. The gasoline index fell 8.1 percent over this 12-month span and the fuel oil index fell 19.5 percent over that period. In contrast, the index for electricity increased 3.1 percent over the last 12 months and the index for natural gas rose 1.8 percent.

All items less food and energy

The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.3 percent in November, as it did in the preceding 3 months. The shelter index increased 0.3 percent in November. The index for owners' equivalent rent rose 0.2 percent over the month, as did the index for rent, the smallest 1-month increases since April 2021 and July 2021, respectively. The lodging away from home index rose 3.2 percent in November, after rising 0.4 percent in October.

The medical care index increased 0.3 percent over the month, the same as it did in October. The index for physicians' services increased 0.3 percent in November, while the prescription drugs index fell 0.4 percent over the month. The hospital services index was unchanged in November.

The used cars and trucks index rose 2.0 percent in November, after rising 2.7 percent in the previous month. The index for household furnishings and operations rose 0.6 percent over the month as did the index for new vehicles. Other indexes that increased in November include recreation, education, personal care, and apparel. In contrast, the index for communication fell 1.0 percent in November after falling 0.6 percent in October and September.

The index for all items less food and energy rose 3.3 percent over the past 12 months. The shelter index increased 4.7 percent over the last year, the smallest 12-month increase since February 2022. Other indexes with notable increases over the last year include motor vehicle insurance (+12.7 percent), medical care (+3.1 percent), education (+4.2 percent), and recreation (+1.5 percent).

Not seasonally adjusted CPI measures

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 2.7 percent over the last 12 months to an index level of 315.493 (1982-84=100). For the month, the index decreased 0.1 percent prior to seasonal adjustment.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 2.6 percent over the last 12 months to an index level of 308.998 (1982-84=100). For the month, the index decreased 0.1 percent prior to seasonal adjustment.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 2.6 percent over the last 12 months. For the month, the index decreased 0.1 percent on a not seasonally adjusted basis. Please note that the indexes for the past 10 to 12 months are subject to revision.

The Consumer Price Index for December 2024 is scheduled to be released on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. (ET).



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Contract Renewal School Year 2025-2026
Attachment 2
Food Service Budget

Projected Revenue: Based on 173 (Number) days of meal service in School Year 2025- 2026, using 2024-2025 reimbursement rates, the SFA shall multiply the rates by the actual meals served from School Year 2023-2024.

Revenue:			
Local			
		Student Breakfast Sales Revenue	\$0.00
		Student Lunch Sales Revenue	\$0.00
		Adult & A la carte Sales Revenue	\$70,085.00
		Catering & Other Non-Program Revenue	\$17,000.00
Total Sales:			\$87,085.00
Reimbursement			
		School Breakfast Program	\$175,923.57
		National School Lunch Program	\$608,666.14
		After-school Snack Program	\$10,939.61
		Child and Adult Care Food Program	\$0.00
		Summer Meal Program (SSO/SFSP)	\$11,240.37
		State Matching Reimbursement	\$3,500.00
		Other Federal/State Reimbursement	\$0.00
Total Reimbursement:			\$810,269.69
Total Revenue: (Total Sales + Total Reimbursement)			\$897,354.69
Expenses:			
Projected Total Expenses:			\$949,250.00
Estimated Budget Projection:			
Total Revenue (Sales + Reimbursement) - Expenses =			-\$51,895.31
USDA Foods Entitlement Allocation Estimate:			\$60,000.00
Is there a guarantee required in the initial year's contract?			Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, amount:
			\$10,000.00



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Contract Renewal School Year 2025-2026
Attachment 3
Additional Contract Modifications

Scope and other contract modifications in current or optional renewal years are not permitted unless provided for in the published Request for Proposal (RFP) and incorporated into the resulting contract.

The following modifications to the SFA's School Nutrition Program ("SNP") operations, which were stipulated in the original RFP and incorporated into the Contract, will be implemented or effective in the renewed contract year.

☒ No changes

☐ Modifications to Site Information (Exhibit A of the RFP):

- Add Site – The RFP identified the site as an anticipated new campus, and the SFA is now adding the site to the SNP to be managed by the FSMC under the Contract.
- Delete Site – The SFA is removing an existing site affected by a school closure or decreased enrollment.
- Modify Site – The SFA is changing an existing site to Special Provision 2 or the Community Eligibility Provision, or the SFA is changing the programs to be operated at an existing site.

Type of modification	Name of site	Description of change(s) to programs to be operated at the site, if applicable
Choose an item.	Name of site	Description
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☐ Additional non-material contract modifications described here:

Modifications
