

May 7, 2025

Ms. Sandy Holquist  
District Bookkeeper  
School District of Tomahawk  
1048 East King Road  
Tomahawk, WI 54487



Dear Sandy,

Enclosed is our proposed food service budget for the 2025-2026 school year. While we have used current reimbursement rates in this budget proposal, it is our hope that USDA will issue higher levels of reimbursement, but we won't have the final rates until July. We appreciate your partnership and the opportunity to work together to complete a fiscally responsible projection for 2025-2026.

We have based this proposed budget on the following:

1. There are 172 days of meal service planned. Factors outside our control such as weather-related virtual days, late starts, or school closures which result in lost service days will affect results and the projection will need to be adjusted accordingly.
2. An average daily participation of 595 Reimbursable lunch meals (270 Paid, 280 Free, and 45 Reduced Price). We have not put in a price increase for this proposed budget. The current paid student prices are \$2.75 per elementary lunch, and \$3.00 for all middle and high school paid lunches. Reduced price lunches are budgeted at \$.40.
3. An average daily participation of 364 Reimbursable breakfast meals (130 Paid, 45 Free, 150 Severe Need Free, 19 Reduced and 20 Severe Need Reduced Priced meals). Paid breakfast is budgeted to be \$1.55 for all schools. Reduced-priced breakfasts are budgeted to be \$0.30.
4. Reimbursements were calculated based on this year's NSLP and SBP Federal rates and the State rates projected by DPI. If USDA raises school meal funding it will reduce the projected loss.
5. The ala carte program, based on current trends generates \$77,400. We will analyze current pricing and implement necessary price increases to remain compliant with DPI regulations.
6. The Catering program is expected to generate \$43,000 in revenue. It is recommended that all pricing be evaluated and increased as necessary to maintain the proper margins to properly support the program.
7. Total labor costs with projected staffing levels and wages, including the Food Service Director and Hourly employees. We have planned a 2% increase in wages for food service staff.
8. Our General and Administration Fee and Management Fees have been increased by 3.0%, based on the cap DPI places on Food Service Management Fees.



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9. This proposal does not contain any district paid expenses other than the Commodity processing fee of \$9,000 but those could be included if that is the desire of the district.

Version A has been prepared and presented with current meal prices, and results in a projected loss of (\$39,224).

We appreciate your partnership and look forward to working with you and the School District of Tomahawk in 2025-2026.

Sincerely,  
TAHER INC.



Michael Lohse  
District Manager

Cc: James Madden

# TOMAHAWK

## PROJECTED OPERATING BUDGET--FOOD SERVICE

2025 - 2026

Version: A CURRENT PRICES

Days of Service:

172 days

Prices	Breakfast Student:	\$	1.55
	Breakfast Adult:	\$	2.50
	Elementary Lunch:	\$	2.75
	Secondary Lunch:	\$	3.00
	Adult Lunch:	\$	4.65
	Milk:	\$	0.40

### REVENUE

CASH:	Breakfast	\$	36,670.40
	Type "A" Lunch	\$	137,901.00
	Adult "A" Lunch	\$	2,399.40
	A La Carte	\$	77,400.00
	Milk Service	\$	894.40
	Other	\$	46,906.00
	Commodity Value	\$	30,702.00
	SUBTOTAL	\$	332,873.20

### REIMBURSEMENTS:

	Federal Lunch	\$	273,256.40
	Federal Breakfast	\$	115,838.56
	State Lunch	\$	5,526.36
	State Breakfast	\$	4,758.21
	Federal Milk	\$	-
	State Milk	\$	-
	Other	\$	9,415.56
	SUBTOTAL	\$	408,795.09

### GRAND TOTAL REVENUE

\$ 741,668.29

### EXPENSES

	Food and Milk	\$	310,723.78
	Commodity Value	\$	30,702.00
	Payroll/Related-Taher	\$	363,930.91
	Payroll/Related-School	\$	-
	Management Fee	\$	13,014.19
	General & Admin. Fee	\$	28,644.30
	Other Supplies	\$	19,877.12
	SUBTOTAL	\$	766,892.30

### CLIENT EXPENSES

	Commodity Charges	\$	14,000.00
	Utilities		
	Communication Services		
	Copies		
	Repairs and Truck		
	Repair Supplies		
	Supplies		
	Consult Fees		
	SUBTOTAL	\$	14,000.00

### TOTAL ALL EXPENSES

\$ 780,892.30

### NET REVENUE LESS EXPENSES

\$ (39,224.01)