



**PROSPECT HEIGHTS DISTRICT 23
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ACTION ITEM**

Date: June 9, 2020

Title: Proposed Contract Renewal - Food Service (Organic Life)

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Background:

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) requires districts to renew their food service contracts on an annual basis. To date, Administration has been very pleased with Organic Life and the services provided to the District and larger community, especially as they have navigated a fluid school year through the varying levels of in-person attendance during the pandemic.

Administrative Consideration:

As the Federal waiver of qualifications for the Summer Food Service Program lunch program has been extended for the 2021-22 school year, District 23 students will again be provided daily lunch and breakfast at no cost to families. We will also be able to continue to offer meal support to all children under the age of 18 in our community as all of these meals are fully reimbursable.

The proposed renewal reflects an overall increase of 3.9%, raising the cost of breakfast from \$1.37 to \$1.42 and \$2.34 to \$2.43 for lunch. Through the District's participation in the Summer Food Service Program, we are able to receive an increased level of reimbursement (\$2.46/breakfast and \$4.31/lunch) still allowing the District to realize a small profit on the total number of meals served.

Administrative Recommendation:

The Administration recommends the approval of the proposed renewal of the District's contract with Organic Life, LLC.