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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: August 26, 2025  
Re: Nutrition Service Distributor Recommendation

The Rock Island-Milan School District 41 is a member of the Northwest Illinois Cooperative (Co-op) for Nutrition Services. The Co-op handles bidding for food and supplies, such as meat, meat alternatives, frozen food, vegetables, fruit, canned items, general grocery items, etc., for members of the Co-op. Any member of the Co-op can use this bid for their school district food and supply needs. The Northwest Illinois Cooperative sent bid specifications for the 2025-26 school year to six (6) separate vendors.

| Distributor                         | Food                       | Chemical    | Total Bid Amount | Small Equipment Fixed Fee |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Kohl Wholesale<br>5/27/2025         | \$6,693,891.76             | \$20,922.41 | \$6,714,814.14   | \$2.50/case               |
| Performance Food Group<br>5/23/2025 | \$6,942,962.43             | \$35,869.06 | \$6,978,831.49   | \$2.00/ case              |
| Martin Brother<br>5/19/2025         | Letter stating no proposal |             |                  |                           |
| Gordon Food                         | No response                |             |                  |                           |
| Sysco                               | No response                |             |                  |                           |
| US Foods                            | No response                |             |                  |                           |

Bids are for one year with the option to extend the contract for the 2026-27 and 2027-28 school years based on annual increases proposed by the vendor. This allows the Co-op the flexibility to re-bid these services should annual increases not be agreeable. Sealed bids were due on May 28, 2025, and the Co-op received two (2) sealed bids. After deliberation, Northwest Illinois Cooperative voted for Kohl Wholesale as the distributor.

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It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Kohl Wholesale, 130 Jersey St., Quincy, IL 62306, bid submitted to the Northwest Illinois Cooperative for Nutrition Service distributor for 2025-2026 school year, with the option to extend the contract for the 2026-27 and 2027-28 school years.

**Investment Period:** July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028  
**Total Investment:** \$1,560,000.00  
**Funding Source:** Nutrition Department Funds

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