



Board Meeting Date: 5/13/2024

Title: Food Service Management Contract – 2023-2024 School Year

Type: Discussion

Presenter(s): Mert Woodard - Director, Finance & Operations

Description: Prior to the start of the 2022-2023 school year the District conducted a request for proposals (RFP) process to select a vendor to provide the District with school nutrition management services. Various District stakeholders were involved in the RFP process, including, but not limited to, Board members, District administration, the District's appointed sourcing agent, families of students, and students. A district-wide survey was also an element of the selection process. Compass Group USA, Inc. through its Chartwells division was selected to continue as the District's school nutrition manager.

During the 2022-2023 school year the District has sought feedback from students, staff, and the Food Wellness Committee regarding Chartwells' performance. The feedback indicated that Chartwells met expectations and improved its quality of service over the prior year, prompting the District to renew for the 2023-2024 school year.

The partnership with Chartwells has continued to meet expectations during the 2023-2024 school year. The District has experienced significant increases to the number of reimbursable meals served each day as a result of state-sponsored the free school meals program.

The Food Service fund balance is expected to exceed \$1,200,000 at the end of fiscal year 2024. The District's partnership with Chartwells has resulted in strong financial stability in the Food Service fund for many years.

The District administration plans to bring forward a formal recommendation to extend its agreement with Chartwells for a further year,

Recommendation: There is no recommended action.

Desired Outcomes from the Board: N/A

Attachments:

1. Food Service Management Sourcing Summary - 2022