



# NIIPC Joint Agreement Update

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# Purpose of the NIIPC



## PURPOSE

The Cooperative's purpose is to assist Member Districts in meeting state and federal mandates relating to the bidding and procurement of goods and services related to food service administration, thereby increasing cost savings, efficiency, market access, and mitigating risk throughout the procurement process. **The Cooperative is open to public school districts that independently operate food service programs without food service management companies.**

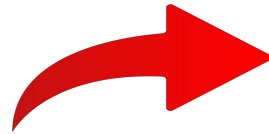
## WHY

- Procurement is a complex process and it is critical that independently operated programs meet all federal and state procurement regulations
- Market access & Cost savings!
- Network of peers supporting each other

# NIIPC History



**Micheline Piekarski, MSM, SNS**  
Oak Park River Forest HS 200  
**NIIPC President**  
Founding member of NIIPC



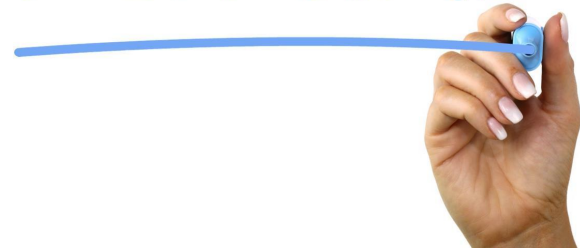
In 2024, we have 72 member districts, enrollment of and purchase over \$28 million just in our main distribution bid.

The Northern Illinois Independent Purchasing Cooperative (NIIPC) began in 1995.

- 11 Charter Districts

Oak Park & River Forest High School District has been the Administrative District for the NIIPC for 29 years

**FUTURE**





Why the joint agreement?

# Summary of Agreement – Power, Duty & Structure

## **Board of Directors - July 2024**

- primary role - voting on bids
- seven elected member districts serving in volunteer capacity
- 2 year term
- three meetings per year
- slate to be selected this Spring and orientation to occur in May

## **Executive Officers (President, VP/Bid Coordinator, Sec/Treasurer)**

- all operational functions of NIIPC
- make all RFP rec's to the Board of Directors

## **Administrative District**

- management & expenditure of NIIPC funds

# Summary of Agreement – Financial Management

## **Budget**

- Board of Directors approves or amends budget by majority vote.

## **Member District Fees**

- Board of Directors determines annual payment made by member districts, through the recommendation of exec officers.

# Summary of Agreement – Admission & Withdrawal Procedures

## **Current participating Member Districts**

- expected to enter into Restated Articles of Joint Agreement & Bylaws

## **Eligible districts interested in membership**

- admitted upon  $\frac{2}{3}$  affirmative vote of the Board of Directors or if approved by the Executive Officers

## **Annual automatic renewal**

- automatically renewed annually, provided Member District is in compliance with all provision and terms of NIIPC

## **Voluntary withdrawal**

- written notice to the Board of Directors no later than Feb 1



# Summary of Agreement – Responsibility of Member Districts

- **Required to purchase specifically identified items from selected vendors**
- **Maintain own relationship with vendors (orders, scheduled deliveries, payment, addressing vendor issues)**
- **Payment to the cooperative annually**
- **Participation in NIIPC**
  - Attend annual meeting
  - respond to communication requesting information

# Current Types of Bids

## Required Participation

Distributor - Gordon Food Service

## Optional Participation

Dairy - Bob's, Cloverleaf, Eco, Far South, Krystal & Schuring

Produce - Creation Gardens/Testa Produce

Bakery - Alpha Baking

Vending- Vistar

Beverages (Exclusive Contracts) - Coca Cola



**Signed Joint Agreement due  
April 1st**

**If you have any questions,  
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