



# Board of Education

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## Board Report

25-0424-PR6

**Agenda Date: 4/24/2025**

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### **AUTHORIZE THE THIRD RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH VARIOUS VENDORS FOR FOOD MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

#### **THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Authorize the third renewal agreement with various vendors to provide food management services to Chicago Public Schools at an estimated annual cost set forth in the Financial Section of this report. A written document exercising this option is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to Vendors during the option period prior to execution of the written document. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written document is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this option is stated below.

Specification Number: 21-224

Contract Administrator: Miranda Martinez, Paul / 773-553-2280

#### **VENDOR:**

- 1) Vendor # 96765  
ARAMARK EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, LLC  
2400 MARKET STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103

Jeanna Ratnayake 972-522-8796  
630 271-2343

Ownership: Limited Liability; Aramark  
Education Group, 100%

- 2) Vendor # 97468  
OPEN KITCHENS, INC.  
2121 S. Racine Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60608

Madelyn Mcnamara  
312 666-5335

Ownership: For-Profit Corporation; Terese  
Fiore 51%, Anthony Fiore 49%

**USER INFORMATION:**

Project  
Manager: 12010 - Nutrition Support Services  
42 West Madison Street  
Chicago, IL 60602

Mojica, Anthony J  
773-553-2175

**ORIGINAL AGREEMENT:**

The original Agreement (authorized by Board Report 22-0525-PR15) in the amount of \$88,500,000 is for a term commencing August 15, 2022 and ending August 14, 2023 with the Board having four (4) options to renew for one (1) year terms. The First Renewal (authorized by Board Report 23-0426-PR19) in the amount of \$110,000,000 was for a term commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024. The Second Renewal (authorized by Board Report 24-0523-PR13) in the amount of \$110,000,000 was for a term commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. The first renewal period overlapped with the original Agreement term to align with the Illinois State Board of Education's requirements. The original agreement was awarded on a competitive basis pursuant to Board Rule 7-3.

**OPTION PERIOD:**

The term of this agreement is being renewed for one (1) year commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

**OPTION PERIODS REMAINING:**

There is one (1) option period for one (1) remaining.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

Vendor will manage the food services staff, provide food (including milk) and other products covered by the programs referenced below, through freshly prepared meals on-site or through pre-packaged vended meals in approximately 700 sites. Vendor must meet or exceed the CPS Nutrition Standards and U.S. Department of Agriculture requirements, as appropriate, for the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Summer Food Service Program, After School Care Snack Program, concession stands, catering, vending to other schools, Child and Adult Care Food Program, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, Head Start Program and any other program in which the Board may participate. Sites may be added or deleted at a later date to accommodate the Board.

**DELIVERABLES:**

Vendor will supply breakfast, lunch, after-school snacks and dinner and other services to the Board as set forth in the agreement.

**OUTCOMES:**

Vendor's services will result in nutritious and appealing meals that meet federal, state and local regulations and CPS standards. In addition, Vendor will provide funds for specific programs in support of the community, comply with financial requirements and reporting, train and manage school food service staff, generate internet and social media communications and updates for school dining staff and the community, implement a number of marketing and branding programs, provide and/or expand specific lunchroom programs and comply with CPS, state and federal regulations related to production and procurement.

**AUTHORIZATION:**

Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written option document.

Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the option document. Authorize the Executive Director of Nutrition Support Services to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this option agreement.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:**

Pursuant to the Remedial Policy for Minority-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (WBE) policy participation in Goods and Services contracts, the aspirational goals for this pool are 30% MBE and 10% WBE. This vendor pool is composed of 2 total vendors with 1 WBE. The User group has committed to achieve the aspirational goals through a strategic plan to utilize certified suppliers and certified subcontractors.

**LSC REVIEW:**

Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

**FINANCIAL:**

All Funds  
Nutrition Support Services, Unit 12050  
Early Childhood Development - City Wide, Unit 11385

FY26 - \$116,000,000

Not to exceed \$116,000,000 for the one (1) year term.

**GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

The agreement shall contain general conditions including but not limited to the following: Inspector General provision, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1; Conflicts provision, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3; Indebtedness provision, in accordance with the Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 1996 pursuant to Board Report 96-0626-PO3; Ethics provision, in accordance with the Board's Ethics Code as amended; and, Contingent Liability provision.

Approved for Consideration:



PATRICIA HERNANDEZ  
Chief Procurement Officer

Approved:



PEDRO MARTINEZ  
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Legal Form: 



RUCHI VERMA  
General Counsel