



BIBB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dr. Dan A. Sims, Superintendent

ACTION MEMORANDUM

To: Bibb County Board of Education, Dr. Dan A. Sims, Superintendent

From: Conduc Shuman, Executive Director of School Nutrition
Dr. Elaine M Wilson-Beverly, Executive Director of Procurement

Subject: FY 2026 – School Nutrition Produce Contract

Summary

The School Nutrition Department is seeking Board approval to issue purchase orders on an as-needed basis for purchasing produce items for school nutrition food service for the fiscal year 2025-2026. This will be the first year under RFP 25-035 if approved.

Background

Under District Policy DJEAA, Board approval is required for contracts of more than \$150,000. In May 2025, the Procurement Department issued solicitation RFP 25-035 for School Nutrition produce items for compliant student meal service. Historically, one contractor has been approved for the award. In our efforts to offer more locally grown fresh fruit and vegetables, improved menu offerings, and increase student meal participation, two vendors will be awarded RFP 25-035.

School Nutrition spent over \$1,300,000 on produce items for FY2025, and the projected expenditure for produce items for FY2026 is approximately \$1,400,000. This is an approximate 8% increase over the prior year due to increased market prices and the termination of the USDA's Local Food for Schools Cooperative Agreement Program (LFS) grant funding.

The itemization of the recommended awardees is listed below:

Produce	
Vendor	FY 2026
The Common Market	\$500,000
What Chefs Want	\$900,000
Total	\$1,400,000



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Recommendation

It is recommended that the Bibb County Board of Education approves the awards to the listed vendors for school nutrition produce items on an as-needed basis in an amount not to exceed \$1,400,000 for FY2026. These funds will come from the School Nutrition Budget.

Superintendent's Approval

Superintendent's Signature	Approved / Not Approved
Dr. Dan A. Sims	Approved