



To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Dennis L. Carpenter, Ed.D.  
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Date: May 21, 2026

RE: Renewal of Hiland Dairy Contract– 2026-2027 School Year

Rationale:

The district is requesting Board approval to renew the agreement with Highland Dairy for the 2026–2027 school year to support the ongoing dairy needs of the Nutrition Services Department. Approval of the renewal will ensure uninterrupted access to fresh dairy products that meet nutritional program requirements, while also maintaining operational efficiency and stable pricing. Continuing this partnership allows the district to work with a vendor that has consistently demonstrated responsive customer service, timely deliveries, and dependable product quality.

Background information:

Hiland Dairy has been a valued partner in supporting the district’s Nutrition Services program by consistently providing fresh, high-quality dairy products for students. Their team has demonstrated reliable service, timely deliveries, and responsiveness in resolving concerns or operational issues when they arise. The continued partnership supports the district’s commitment to providing nutritious meal options while maintaining efficient food service operations.

Cost Analysis:

Although food costs continue to fluctuate due to market conditions, administration has determined the pricing under this agreement to remain fair and reasonable. The agreement allows the district to maintain consistent product availability and reliable service within the approved Nutrition Services budget.

Connection with District initiatives and Board Policy:

Policy DJF-1: PURCHASING and Administrative Procedure: DJF-1-AP(1): PURCHASING

Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends approval of the second-year renewal option of the agreement with Hiland Dairy for 2026–2027 school year.