



Board of Education

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Karen Apostoli, Executive Director of Business and Operations
DATE: April 23, 2026
RE: Aramark Food Service Renewal 2026-27

This memo is:

- Information only.
- Information with a recommendation, and a request for Board consent.
- Information with a recommendation, and a request for Board approval by vote.

Date by which a Board decision is needed: May 7, 2026

Previous memos on this topic can be found:

- in previous Board packet(s) dated. 05/22/2025
- or attached to this memo

<p>Basic information:</p> <p>Aramark Corporation is our current food service provider. They have submitted their renewal for the school year 2026-2027. This 1-year renewal is the 3rd year of the allowable 5-year renewals (1 year at a time) for any food service provider. The contract calls for an increase of 4.1% over the contract for the 2025-26 school year. This is in line with the CPI (Consumer Price Index) Food Away From Home (Dec. 2025) food cost increase nationally. This percentage is calculated by the U.S. Dept of Labor (see attached).</p> <p>Because of D33's high level of Low-Income students, we are able to offer every student in D33 a free breakfast and lunch every school day through the CEP program. The State (they administer this Federal program) then reimburses the district approximately 99% of the cost to serve our students. The total cost to serve our students in a normal school year is approximately \$1.9 million per year.</p>
<p>Background or historical information:</p>
<p>Previous decisions, actions or parameters that relate to this topic or issue:</p>
<p>Recommendations:</p> <p>Administration is recommending that the BOE approve the 1 year contract renewal with Aramark Corporation for the 2026-27 school year.</p>
<p>Other questions? What else does the Board wish to know?:</p>