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Approval of Contract with Tri-County Opportunities Council / Head Start

Purpose

To present the Board of Education with a proposed agreement with the Tri-County Opportunities Council (TCOC) Early Head Start / Head Start program for formal approval. This item requests authorization to enter into an agreement to furnish food service (meals and milk) to the TCOC Head Start Streator Center for the 2026–2027 school year.

Background and Information

Streator Elementary School District 44 routinely collaborates with community partners to support early childhood nutrition and education. TCOC Head Start operates facilities that require meal catering to serve enrolled children.

Under this agreement, District 44 will serve as the food vendor, providing unitized meals and milk that meet Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) portion and menu guidelines. In return, TCOC will reimburse the district on a full-cost recovery basis. Payments received from TCOC will be deposited directly into the district's non-profit food service account.

Key Provisions - Effective August 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027

- Lunch served at a rate of \$4.70 per meal (inclusive of milk).
- The district will submit itemized monthly invoices within 30 days of the end of each month, with revenue credited to the food service account.
- Either party may terminate the agreement for cause with a 60-day written notification.

Administrative Recommendation

The administration recommends that the Board of Education formally approve the agreement with Tri-County Opportunities Council / Head Start as presented on the consent agenda.