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TO: Board of Directors

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SUBJECT: Auto-Chlor Dishwasher Lease Agreement - Stanwood Elementary

DATE: May 7, 2024

TYPE: Action Required

The district currently leases dishwashers at three of our schools from Auto-Chlor System. The dishwasher at Stanwood Elementary school is beyond repair, and staff recommend leasing instead of purchasing as district-owned machines fail. The pros of renting the dishwasher is that labor, parts, and supplies are included in the fixed rate, up to 1,000 wash cycles per period. Don Vennetti reports that Auto-Chlor has excellent customer service, and technicians carry parts in their vans so issues that come up can be resolved day-of, instead of downtime created by having to order a part.

Attached is a lease agreement stating that the district will pay a fixed amount of \$246.00 (plus taxes and environmental surcharge) every four weeks for use of the machine and related detergent, rinse aid, and sanitizing compounds. An additional charge of 8.9 cents per cycle will be charged above 1,000 wash cycles per period. The agreement term is 65 4-week periods (5 years).

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement with Auto-Chlor System to lease a dishwasher at Stanwood Elementary School.

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# Dishwashing Machine Agreement

AGREEMENT, made this date May 7, 2024  
 between Auto Chlor System of WASHINGTON, INC  
 and Stanwood-Camano School District DBA Stanwood Elementary School  
 at 10227 273rd Pl NW, Stanwood, WA 98292 hereinafter called "Customer."

- Auto-Chlor System agrees to furnish an automatic dishwashing machine, Model AC A4, Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, and all Detergent, Rinse Aid and Sanitizing compounds necessary for washing dishes. Any excess Detergent and Sanitizing compounds used will be charged to Customer at current prices and Customer further agrees to return all empty chemical containers or pay for them at current prices. Customer agrees to pay a fixed amount of \$246.00 at the beginning of each four (4) week period. Customer further agrees to pay an additional amount of 8.9 cents per cycle for all cycles washed in excess of 1000 during the four (4) week period (determined by counter attached to machine). Customer agrees to pay applicable sales taxes. This agreement shall last for 65 four-week periods (5 years) commencing on the first regular route service visit and invoicing. At the end of the total term, this agreement automatically renews itself for ~~another 13 periods (1 year)~~ additional 4 week periods, ref on each annual anniversary unless either party gives the other party at least 2 four-week periods (56 days) notice in writing of its election not to renew the agreement.
- Auto-Chlor System reserves the right to adjust prices if necessary. However, if Auto-Chlor System adjusts prices, the Customer may terminate this agreement by giving Auto-Chlor System 2 four-week periods (56 days) notice in writing to that effect, so long as that notice is given within twenty-eight (28) days after the price increase takes effect. If customer becomes delinquent in payment, Auto-Chlor System may, at its option, elect to interrupt the operation of the automatic dishwashing machine without notice, and/or, may elect to terminate this agreement by giving the customer seven days written notice of its election to do so. Upon such election, Customer shall owe Auto-Chlor System all back payments plus liquidated damages in the amount of 75% of the remaining rentals due to the end of this agreement. Upon Auto-Chlor System's election to terminate this agreement for non-payment, the Customer agrees voluntarily to surrender possession of the automatic dishwashing machine to Auto-Chlor System, and Auto-Chlor System shall have the right to remove the automatic dishwashing machine from the Customer's premises. Auto-Chlor System's election to terminate should not be construed as a waiver of any other rights Auto-Chlor System may have under this Agreement.
- Auto-Chlor System will deliver the machine to Customer's place of business and will advise as to installation of the unit but Customer must arrange for necessary plumbing connections, sheet metal work, electrical work and racks at his own expense. Auto-Chlor System will thoroughly service the machine at regular intervals and supply all parts necessary for proper maintenance. Emergency service will be furnished free of charge.
- The automatic dishwashing machine shall remain the property of Auto-Chlor System and Customer shall not transfer or encumber the machine, deliberately deface or damage the machine, assign this agreement, remove, alter or deface any numbers or description of the machine, or remove the machine from the location specified above or permit anyone other than its regular employees in the regular course of its business to use the machine.
- Auto-Chlor System shall not be held liable for any damages by reason of failure of equipment to operate or faulty operation of equipment, nor be responsible for any direct consequential damage or losses resulting from the use or operation of furnished equipment.
- In the event that it becomes necessary for Auto-Chlor System to employ attorney(s) to enforce collection of the sums due hereunder, or to enforce any of the agreements herein contained or to remove the dishwashing machine, Customer agrees to pay the reasonable attorney's fees, costs and expenses incurred by Auto-Chlor System in connection therewith. Should any part of this agreement be deemed unenforceable by a Court, the remainder of this Agreement remains in full force and effect.
- Should Customer disconnect or remove automatic dishwashing machine or otherwise attempt to unilaterally terminate this agreement, except as set forth above, then Customer shall remain responsible for the payment of the fixed amount set forth above for the entire term of this Agreement.
- Customer agrees to provide Auto-Chlor System with the name and address of the owner of the property upon which Customer's business is located and inform Auto-Chlor System of any change of ownership of the property so that Auto-Chlor System can give written notice to the landlord of Auto-Chlor System's ownership of the automatic dishwashing machine.
- Auto-Chlor System may impose an energy surcharge on each invoice to offset petroleum or utility based increases in its cost of goods, vendor or transport energy surcharges, and/or fuel cost increases. Energy surcharges may be adjusted periodically depending on market conditions.

10. Customer will not be billed during summer break. x ref

Stanwood Elementary School  
 Customer's Trade Name

Auto-Chlor System of WASHINGTON, INC

by (signature)  
Deborah Rumbaugh, Superintendent  
 Print Name & Title  
360-629-1200  
 Customer's Phone Number  
91-0981326 EIN  
 Customer's Social Security Number  
Municipal Corporation (K-12)  
 Type-Sole Prop., Partnership, or Corp.

by (signature)  
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 Local Sales & Service Phone Number  
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 Customer's Building Owner's Name  
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 Customer's Building Owner's Address  
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 Customer's Building Owner's Phone Number  
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### Guaranty

For consideration received, the undersigned ('Guarantor') hereby guarantees to Lessor timely payment and full performance by Lessee of all obligations of Lessee under the above lease including expenses of collection thereof, including attorney's fees and court costs and also of all expenses including attorney's fees and court costs incurred in enforcing this guaranty. Guarantor further authorizes Lessor to investigate Guarantor's credit capacity and history. Lessor and Lessee may by subsequent agreement add, delete, increase, decrease, or otherwise alter any of their rights and obligations as to each other without notice to or consent from guarantor and without in any way affecting the liability of Guarantor hereunder, nor shall Guarantor's liability be affected by Lessee's assignment of the lease or sublease of any Equipment. Notice of acceptance of this guaranty as well as all demands, presentments, notices of protest and notices of every kind or nature including those of any action or nonaction on the part of Lessee, Lessor or any other party are hereby waived upon any default of Lessee. Lessor may, at its option proceed directly and at once, without notice against Guarantor to collect and recover the full amount hereby guaranteed or any portion thereof, without proceeding against Lessee or any other person or exercising of any other remedy available to Lessor whatsoever. Guarantor thereby waives the pleading of any statute of limitations as a defense to Guarantor's obligations hereunder to the full extent permitted by law. The invalidity or unenforceability of the above lease as to Lessee for whatever reason shall not affect the enforceability of this guaranty. If more than one guarantor, obligation of each shall be joint and several.

If the equipment is not returned at the end of the term of the lease, or if the equipment is not returned after Lessee has defaulted in any manner specified in the lease, and has failed to cure such default after a reasonable period of time, the undersigned personally guarantees the fair market value of said equipment at the commencement of the lease which is \$4,800.00, to be decreased 0.5% for each month paid under the lease.

Dated as of the date of the lease

GUARANTOR (Individual) SIGNATURE  
Ruth Floyd, Exec Director Business Services  
 GUARANTOR (Individual) PRINT

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