

FARGO BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMO #85 – 2024-25

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RE: USDA Commodity Foods Processing Contracts utilizing Joint Powers Agreement

FROM: Cindy Hogenson, Director of Nutrition Services  
Bill Westrick, Chief Operating Officer  
Dr. Rupak Gandhi, Superintendent

BOARD FOCUS: Action Required

Fargo Public Schools, in collaboration with six other large city districts acting under a Joint Powers Agreement, participated in a joint solicitation for USDA Commodity Food Products. The solicitation was administered by Bismarck Public Schools. The procurement process included competitive bidding from 17 different vendors across multiple product categories.

After reviewing the bids, the recommendation is to award the contracts for each product category to the following vendors. The estimated value of purchases made by the Nutrition Services Department in the 2025-2026 school year is as follows:

Product	Vendor	Estimated Purchase Value FY2026
Mozzarella Cheese (110244)	Schwan's K-12 Foodservice	\$53,500
Barrel Cheese (110242)	Land O Lakes	\$19,900
Chicken (100103)	Tyson K-12 Food Service	\$110,300
Chicken Leg Asian (100113)	Yangs 5th Taste	\$13,300
Beef (100154)	Tyson K-12 Food Service	\$78,700
Egg (1000047)	Micheals Foods	\$5,300
Turkey (100124)	Jennie-O Foodservice	\$15,500
Potato (100506)	Cavendish	\$9,400
	Total	\$305,900

**RECOMMENDATION:** Accept the bids for USDA Commodity Foods Processing from the awarded vendors and issue contracts accordingly.