

**Piedmont Unified School District
760 Magnolia Avenue, Piedmont, CA 94611
Request for Proposals to Supply SFA with Vended Meals**

MARCH 28, 2025: QUESTIONS RECEIVED, ANSWERED & POSTED

- 1. The delivery window for breakfast and lunch is 8 AM—There may be a concern about meals being held for too long. Would it be possible for students to receive breakfast the day before and lunch closer to the scheduled lunch period?**

ANSWER: Yes. Cold breakfast items can be delivered the day before and refrigerated onsite for breakfast service the following day. Lunch for the day of service is delivered with breakfast for the following day, after breakfast service and students drop off between 8:30am-9:30am. Hot Lunch items must have first been fully cooked at the Vendor Facility at 7:30am, transported in a temperature controlled vehicle and delivered at a minimum temperature of 135*. Cold breakfast and lunch items must be delivered at a maximum temperature of 40*.

- 2. Do you follow Offer vs. Serve or a Serve-only model?**

ANSWER: We follow the Offer vs Serve Model for all sites. Our only exception are the Transitional Kindergarten Classes at two Elementary Sites where all 5 Components are delivered to the classroom for each student, following the Serve-Only Model.

- 3. Page 11 of the RFP includes pricing for organic milk— is organic milk something Piedmont is expecting from the awarded vendor? Is it a mandatory requirement?**

ANSWER: No, organic milk is not expected or a mandatory requirement. What is expected if we receive milk as one of the 5 meal components required is a minimum of 2 different kinds of milk, packaged in half-pint containers, free from growth hormone rBST, sustainably produced and within the USDA's sugar limitations to be implemented for the 2025/2026 School Year.

- 4. Who is your current vendor?**

ANSWER: Nob Hill Catering - The LunchMAster is our current Elementary Site Vendor.

- 5. Can you share the current meal rates you have with your vendor?**

ANSWER: Breakfast: \$2.00 and Lunch \$3.50; milk is not included.

6. What do you like about your current vendor?

ANSWER: Some of the things we like about the current vendor include the attention they give to food safety and compliance, their accessibility and open communication, the variety of meal choices, their online food ordering platform with all items having clear and updated nutritional information and the well maintained hot holding cabinets they provide.

7. What are you seeking in a new vendor that your current provider doesn't offer?

ANSWER: One thing we are seeking to address is having all food items packaged in the most Recyclable, Compostable and Sustainable way as possible.

8. Is there an RFP No. Associated with this bid?

ANSWER: No, there is no RFP number. This is the second RFP from PUSD's Nutrition Services Department since joining the National School Lunch Program at the beginning of the 2022/2023 school year. Please see the link for the current RFP attached here.

<https://www.piedmont.k12.ca.us/fs/resource-manager/view/2243bc43-7fd4-4bfe-ab68-161431b27a7b>