



GOODWIN UNIVERSITY MAGNET SCHOOL SYSTEM, INC.

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 4:00PM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom: [Access Zoom Meeting Here](#)

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GOODWIN UNIVERSITY MAGNET SCHOOL SYSTEM, INC.

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Thursday, January 30, 2025 at 4:00 PM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Jackie Jacoby.

Members present: Jackie Jacoby, Megan Mehr, Todd Andrews, Eddie Meyer, Lee Housley, Merilee DeJohn, Mark Scheinberg

Staff present: Sal Menzo, David Daye, Dan Moleti, Sarah Burke, Jessica Gomez-Bedosky, JT Foster, Jenna Toner, Kimberlee Matthews, Meaghan Freeman, Kevin Skrodzki, Gina Juliano, Ali Rossi

2. Public Comment

No public comment.

3. Consent Agenda

Minutes of October 24, 2024, were reviewed by the Board as a group. Lee Housley motioned to approve the minutes. Eddie Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Business Requiring Action

a. GUMS Resolution 25-01 – Corporate Resolution to Approve Goodwin University Magnet School System Policy

i. Presentation and approval of the following Goodwin University Magnet School System Policy: New Policy 4023-Artificial Intelligence

Megan Mehr motioned to approve Resolution 25-01. Todd Andrews seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Jessica Gomez-Bedosky explained that this policy is being instituted because there are biases and misinformation that can result when using Artificial Intelligence (AI). Most importantly, GUMSS wants scholars to learn how to think critically and use primary sources. While this is still the district's philosophy, this policy encourages reminders for the effective use of AI in order to keep up with

the modern technological landscape. The policy further proposes that the district may develop an AI Advisory Committee in the future.

b. GUMS Resolution 25-02 – Corporate Resolution to Approve the 2025-2026 Goodwin University Magnet School System Academic Calendar

i. Presentation and approval of the 2025-2026 Goodwin University Magnet School System Academic Calendar

Eddie Meyer motioned to approve Resolution 25-02. Megan Mehr seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Sal Menzo acknowledged the attendance of Union President, Gina Juliano, and Vice President, Ali Rossi, and thanked them for their work with Dan Moleti, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Talent, in collaborating on the Academic Calendar. He extended additional thanks to administrators and Central Office members, as this calendar was a collaborative effort.

Dan Moleti explained that the biggest shift in the 2025-2026 Academic Calendar is the number of instructional days, as the new technical high school requires 182 instructional days rather than 180. Staff have agreed that adding instructional time will benefit scholars' growth. Teachers and staff are still required to work 188 days. With respect to conference dates, the Calendar accommodates the differing schedules among the schools, being that CTRA operates on a quarter-based schedule and RMS runs on trimesters. Accordingly, fall conference dates at the schools have been adjusted to better support scholars and families; the spring conference dates at the schools align with one another. Lastly, Dan reminded the group that June 11th and June 12th are both early dismissal days, and he noted that the Calendar includes more information than in prior years, including bell times and delayed opening times, to help make that information more accessible to scholars, staff, families, and caregivers.

5. Superintendent and Staff Updates

Sal Menzo acknowledged that the landscape is changing very quickly, and the district needs to pivot quickly in response. There is potential for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to come to a school. Sal has spoken with the district's attorney and security team, and he has explained the appropriate processes and procedures for office managers and other employees who are the first points of entry to the schools. The district's Multilingual Learning Coordinator will reach out to families if/when it is appropriate. At this time, GUMSS will not be sending mass communication to families. The concern is that, at any level, and especially the middle level and high school level, it is not appropriate to assume that everyone is of the same political stance, and the district

does not want to unintentionally set up scholars for retaliation or invite disruption at a school unnecessarily. Sal added that many scholars and staff members have experienced trauma in their lives, and by calling attention to the situation, which some might find helpful, might actually cause greater anxiety among those individuals. The district is therefore pursuing a balanced approach. If the landscape changes, GUMSS is ready to pivot as well, and the Central Office team will be continuing to review the district's process.

Next, Sal announced that RiverTech is the new name of the new technical high school. The name change is a result of the "Nex" name being owned by a multimedia company, which was recently brought to the district's attention by the State Department of Education. RiverTech will be the new member of the "River" community, as the district has Connecticut River Academy, Riverside Magnet School, and now RiverTech at Goodwin University. Advertising is rolling out, and billboards on the highway are going up. RiverTech is the "tech'ed" out high school! Jessica Gomez-Bedosky will be reshooting her commercial for Telemundo, and Sal will be reshooting his commercial for Fox to account for the name change. Sal thanked David Daye for all of his work surrounding the name change and the marketing efforts.

Sal added that the lottery closes next Friday, February 7, and the district is in a crunch to increase enrollment in their programs. This has been a full effort on the part of administrators and the Central Office Team. There was a Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) fair this past Saturday, January 25, and the team is hopeful that the lottery first-round selections with GUMSS schools as students' first choice will continue to increase.

Lastly, Sal explained that the budget is a moving target given news of what will and will not be funded in the future. The budget is being planned conservatively. Now that GUMSS has been its own district for six months, opportunities have been identified to decrease staffing without impacting scholars. Grants are also being looked at differently, being that certain grants that GUMSS has received in the past will no longer be available. The budget will not be additive, in that the district will not be adding significant programming or resources, rather the district plans to maintain what it already has. Sal thanked Eddie Meyer and his team for offering support in the budget development. Simultaneously, Sal and his team are building a new series of budgets for the new technical high school, analyzing what the state will and will not fund and turning to grants, especially the MSAP grant, in response. Sal thanked Anja Pennell and Michelle Strawder for their help in that space. The team is doing work to ensure the district is not in a position where they did not identify or use the money available to them before it runs out.

a. School Facilities Survey

David Daye shared that on an annual basis, school districts are required to perform a uniform inspection and evaluation of indoor air quality within each school building using the Environmental Protection Agency Tools for Schools Checklist. In order for GUMSS to comply with state law for the indoor air quality inspection, the district conducted the required inspections and evaluations using the Checklist, which focused on building and grounds maintenance, waste management, ventilation, a walk-through inspection, integrated pest management, and food services. This project was required to be completed and posted on the GUMSS website by December 31, 2024, and David is pleased to share that working with the Goodwin University Facilities Team and food service consultants, they were able to meet the deadline. The Checklists for these items are located on the GUMSS website, including the district website as well as the schools' websites, as required. Additionally, GUMSS was required to submit an indoor air quality annual report form to affirm submission, and this document was also submitted by the appropriate time. GUMSS will work with the Goodwin University Facilities Team to ensure it is prepared for the five-year heat and ventilation air-conditioning report that is slated to start July 1, 2026. At that time, the district will be required to perform a uniform evaluation and inspection of the heat, ventilation, and air-conditioning systems within each school building. The requirement is that 20% of a district's schools have to be evaluated on an annual basis, and GUMSS benefits from this being a small district with four buildings. One building could be evaluated per year, beginning with RMS. It was required to share this information with the Board.

b. Update on Focus Groups with Scholars

Jessica Gomez-Bedosky provided an update on the focus groups she has been conducting at the recommendation from the last Board meeting. She has interviewed forty-five scholars from Pre-K through 12th grade, including two groups of 4th and 5th grade scholars at RMS, two groups of 8th grade scholars at CTRA Middle Level, and three groups of 9th and 10th grade scholars at CTRA High School. She worked with the Instructional Coach at RMS to identify culturally and intellectually diverse scholars, she pulled students from Unified Arts classes at CTRA Middle Level, and she utilized advisory classes at CTRA High School. A full presentation on the data she has collected will be created by the end of the school year to ensure that she can reach a diverse pool of scholars.

Jessica noted that she asks the same seven questions to groups of four to fifteen scholars, though sometimes has to rephrase the questions to the younger scholars. The questions were inspired by Dr. Marzano's sixteen indicators of successful schools. For example, the question of whether scholars have hope for their future is important because their answer drives their actions and what they feel capable of doing. The good news is that 97% of

scholars thus far reported that they do have hope for their futures. There is also a question about whether a scholar believes that *most* educators believe in them. This is important because when educators believe in their students, they are more likely to encourage them, provide quality assessments, and adhere to their professional responsibilities, as belief systems drive behavior. Currently, 98% of the scholars reported that they believe *most* educators believe in them. Next, with the question about feeling physically safe in school and in the classroom, Jessica found that scholars often do not feel safe when there are substitutes in the classroom. She is taking this as an opportunity to ask what GUMSS can do for its substitute teachers, from providing training on classroom management skills to better introducing the processes and protocols of the particular school. Jessica noted that it has been a true pleasure meeting with these scholars, especially since they understand that the reason she is conducting focus groups is so that GUMSS can be a better district for them.

In response to Jessica's comment on substitute teachers, Sal Menzo announced that GUMSS is going to remove its partnership with Kelly Services and manage its own hiring pool of substitutes. This will allow those individuals to better understand the GUMSS community, staff, and procedures. This decision is not based on financial savings, but rather quality for the sake of scholars.

Sal Menzo added that tomorrow, January 31, administrators will be conducting instructional rounds at RMS, and it is great to be able to see staff and scholars in action.

Jackie Jacoby added that the staff have been doing great work, and she appreciates the attendance and participation of both staff members and Board members at this meeting.

6. Reminder of Next Meetings

- a. April 24, 2025
- b. June 18, 2025

7. Adjournment

Eddie Meyer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:47 p.m. Todd Andrews seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- Meeting minutes recorded by Lexi Kaider.



GUMS Resolution 25-03

CORPORATE RESOLUTION TO APPROVE GOODWIN UNIVERSITY MAGNET SCHOOL SYSTEM POLICY

The Undersigned Secretary of Goodwin University Magnet Schools, Inc. hereby certifies that the following resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Directors on April 24, 2025, and that such resolution has not been modified or rescinded as of the date hereof:

WHEREAS, Goodwin University Magnet Schools, Inc. has entered into an agreement with Goodwin University Educational Services, Inc. to authorize Goodwin University Magnet Schools, Inc. to operate the magnet school system, and

WHEREAS, policy 5017- Meal Charging Policy has been prepared for the operation of Goodwin University Magnet Schools, Inc. as part of operating the Goodwin University Magnet School System.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Goodwin University Magnet Schools, Inc. Board of Directors hereby approves policy 5017- Meal Charging Policy for Goodwin University Magnet Schools, Inc. as part of operating the Goodwin University Magnet School System.

and be it further

RESOLVED, that Goodwin University Magnet Schools, Inc. Superintendent is authorized to implement this policy for the operation of Goodwin University Magnet Schools, Inc. as part of operating the Goodwin University Magnet School System.

Signed:

Todd Andrews, Secretary

Date:

Signed:

Jacqueline Jacoby, Chair

Date:

MEAL CHARGING POLICY

The Goodwin University Magnet School, Inc. Board of Education (the “Board”) recognizes the importance of providing nutritious food to students in the Goodwin University Magnet School System (the “District”). The Board is a sponsor of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Services’ Child Nutrition Programs, including the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP), and the District shall adhere to the federal and state guidelines and regulations pertaining to these school Child Nutrition Programs. In accordance with federal law, at the beginning of the school year, the Board will annually make a public announcement and notify parents and guardians of its participation in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) which allows all enrolled students to participate in the SBP and NSLP at no charge. Under CEP, household free and reduced-price applications are not required for students to receive one breakfast and one lunch at no cost.

Charging Meals

Currently, the District implements CEP which provides one breakfast and one lunch at no cost for enrolled students. Students are permitted to utilize the automated prepayment system for student second meals and a la carte purchases. Students must have funds in their account in order to purchase second meals and/or a la carte items. The charging of adult meals and a la carte food and beverages is not allowed. The Board prohibits publicly identifying or shaming a student for any unpaid meal charges, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Delaying or refusing to serve a meal to such student;
- Designating a specific meal option for the student; or
- Otherwise taking any disciplinary action against the student.

Collection of Unpaid Meal Charges¹

The District's efforts to recover from households money owed due to the charging of meals must not have a negative impact on the children involved and shall focus primarily on the adults in the household responsible for providing funds for meal purchases. The District shall consider whether the benefits of potential collections outweigh the costs that would be incurred to achieve those collections.

For purposes of this policy, "delinquent debt" means unpaid meal charges.

The District will contact the parents/guardians of students who charge meals to their meal accounts in order for the District to collect the delinquent debt. The first such communication will be a written communication, by mail or e-mail, after the account turns negative. Subsequent written and verbal communications with parents/guardians concerning delinquent debt will be made by the building administrator or designee, as may be necessary and appropriate. All communications regarding unpaid meal charges shall be made directly and discreetly to parents/guardians. Written communications with parents/guardians regarding collection of a student's unpaid meal charges shall include an application for free or reduced price meals or an alternate household income survey, information on local food pantries and the Connecticut Department of Social Services' supplemental nutrition assistance program, and a link to the District's or Town's website that lists any community services available to Town residents.

In the event a student's unpaid meal charges are equal to or more than the cost of thirty (30) meals, the parents/guardians of such student will be referred to the District's homeless education liaison.

The Board shall comply with applicable federal and state laws and other federal or state requirements concerning the collection of unpaid meal charges, including but not limited to requirements related to delinquent debt and "bad debt," as defined by the federal law, record-keeping relating thereto. The Board may accept gifts, donations or grants from any public or private sources for the purpose of paying off any unpaid charges for school lunches, breakfasts or other such feeding.

Dissemination of Policy

This policy shall be provided in writing to all households at the start of each school year and to households transferring to the District during the school year. This policy shall be provided to all District staff responsible for its enforcement. In addition, school social workers, nurses, the homeless liaison, and other staff members assisting children in need or who may be contacted by families with unpaid meal charges shall be informed of this policy.

The District shall maintain, to the extent required by law, documentation of the methods used to communicate this policy to households and District staff responsible for policy enforcement.

The District shall provide this policy to the Connecticut State Department of Education during Administrative Reviews.

¹ Currently, the District does not allow the charging of student second meals or a la carte. However, if this policy changes, the language addressed in the Collection of Unpaid Meal Charges will go into effect.

The Superintendent or designee may, if necessary and appropriate, develop administrative regulations in furtherance of this policy.

Legal References:

State law:

Connecticut General Statutes

§ 10-215 Lunches, breakfasts and other feeding programs for public school children and employees.

State of Connecticut, Department of Education, School Health, Nutrition and Family Services Operational Memorandum No. 11-22, “Connecticut Statutory Requirements for Unpaid Meal Charges in Public Schools,” June 15, 2022.

State of Connecticut, Department of Education, Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education Operational Memorandum No. 4-17, “Guidance on Unpaid Meal Charges and Collection of Delinquent Meal Payments,” Nov. 2, 2016.

Federal law:

7 C.F.R. Part 210 National School Lunch Program.

7 C.F.R. Part 220 School Breakfast Program.

7 C.F.R. Part 245 Determining Eligibility for Free and Reduced Price Meals and Free Milk in Schools.

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, Policy Memo SP 46-2016, “Unpaid Meal Charges: Local Meal Charge Policy,” July 8, 2016.

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, Policy Memo SP 47-2016, “Unpaid Meal Charges: Clarification on Collection of Delinquent Meal Payments,” July 8, 2016.

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, Policy Memo SP 57-2016, “Unpaid Meal Charges: Guidance and Q&A,” Sept. 16, 2016.

APPROVED: _____

REVISED: 4/24/2025



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: Sponsors of the National School Lunch Program

FROM: Shannon K. Yearwood, Bureau Chief *Shannon K. Yearwood*
Bureau of Child Nutrition Programs

DATE: February 24, 2025

SUBJECT: Operational Memorandum No. 03-25
Requirements for Submitting the Healthy Food Certification (HFC) Statement
for School Year 2025-26

The Healthy Food Certification (HFC) statute ([C.G.S. Section 10-215f](#)) requires that every year, local boards of education or governing authorities (BOE) for public schools participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) must determine and certify whether all food items sold to students separately from reimbursable meals will or will not meet the [Connecticut Nutrition Standards](#) (CNS). These standards also apply to all foods offered in reimbursable snacks for the Afterschool Snack Program (ASP).

“Public schools” include all public schools, regional educational service centers, the Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS), charter schools, interdistrict magnet schools, and endowed academies.

This memo provides the required BOE motion language and step-by-step instructions for submitting the HFC application for school year (SY) 2025-26. Please review this Operational Memorandum carefully to ensure accurate and timely submission of the HFC Statement.

HFC Eligibility Requirements for BOEs opting to implement HFC

To be eligible for HFC during SY 2025-26 (July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026), the BOE must conduct the HFC votes by **July 1, 2025**. All votes must use the **exact motion language** provided in attachment 1.

All BOEs **must** vote on whether to participate in the healthy food option of HFC.

- If the BOE votes “yes” to the healthy food option, a vote on whether to allow food exemptions is **required**. The BOE may choose to vote on whether to allow beverage exemptions.
- If the BOE votes “no” to the healthy food option, a vote on whether to allow food exemptions is **not** required. The BOE may choose to vote on whether to allow beverage exemptions.

Beverage exemptions are defined by a separate statute (C.G.S. Section 10-221q) and are not part of the annual HFC Statement. If the BOE does not vote to allow beverage exemptions, only [allowable beverages](#) can be sold to students on school premises at all times.

Refer to attachment 1 for the required motion language and a summary chart of the required votes.

HFC Application Process for SY 2025-26

All public school sponsors of the NSLP must complete the steps below to meet the HFC application deadline of **July 1, 2025**, for school year 2025-26.

1. Schedule the required HFC votes at a BOE meeting **well before** July 1, 2025, to allow sufficient time for the BOE to approve the **draft** minutes before they are submitted to the CSDE. The HFC Statement must include the **final** BOE-approved minutes. If the district chooses to allow beverage exemptions, the CSDE recommends that the BOE conducts the vote on beverage exemptions at the same time as the HFC votes.
2. Conduct the BOE votes and prepare the BOE minutes. The final BOE-approved minutes must: 1) include the required language in attachment 1; and 2) indicate the results of each vote. Do not submit the final BOE-approved minutes until requested by the CSDE (refer to step 3).
3. **May 2025:** Complete the online HFC application module in the CSDE's Connecticut Online Application and Claiming System for Child Nutrition Programs (CNP System). Upload the final BOE-approved minutes indicating the results of the HFC votes. The CSDE will notify sponsors when the HFC application module and instructions are available.

For more information, visit the "[Annual HFC Application](#)" section of the CSDE's HFC webpage. Training on the HFC application process is available in the CSDE's video, [Completing the Application Process for Healthy Food Certification](#).

For HFC compliance resources, visit the "[Guidance and Resources](#)" section of the CSDE's HFC webpage. Training on the HFC requirements is available in the CSDE's training program, [Complying with Healthy Food Certification](#).

For questions or additional information, please contact Susan Fiore at 860-807-2075 or susan.fiore@ct.gov or Teri Dandeneau at 860-807-2079 or teri.dandeneau@ct.gov.

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Attachments: (1)

Important: This is a numbered Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) operational memorandum that contains important program information. Please read carefully and retain for future reference. All CSDE operational memoranda are posted on the CSDE's [Operational Memoranda for School Nutrition Programs](#) webpage.

Attachment 1

Required Motion Language for the Healthy Food Certification (HFC) Statement

School Year 2025-26

This attachment accompanies the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) Operational Memorandum No. 03-25: *Requirements for Submitting the Healthy Food Certification (HFC) Statement for School Year 2025-26* and provides the required motion language for:

- the board of education or governing authority's (BOE) votes; and
- the final BOE-approved minutes.

The HFC Statement and final BOE minutes are due to the CSDE by July 1, 2025.

Use the **exact motion language** on pages 2-3 to conduct the required HFC votes and the optional vote for beverage exemptions (if applicable).

Summary of BOE Votes

Step 1: HFC Participation

All BOEs of public schools that participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) must use the language in this attachment to conduct the required vote on participation in the healthy food option of HFC.

Step 2: Food and Beverage Exemptions

Conduct the votes on food and beverage exemptions using the required language in this attachment.

- If BOE votes **“yes”** to HFC, complete either one of the two requirements below.
 1. Conduct the required vote for food exemptions and the optional vote for beverage exemptions using the required language in this attachment.
 2. Conduct one vote for combined food and beverage exemptions using the required language in this attachment.
- If BOE votes **“no”** to HFC, conduct the optional vote for beverage exemptions using the required language in this attachment.

Attachment 1: Required Motion Language for the Healthy Food Certification (HFC) Statement

Required Language for BOE Votes and Minutes for HFC

The required motion language for each BOE vote is below. All BOEs must use this **exact language** for each vote to be eligible for participation in HFC.

Vote 1: Required vote for participation in healthy food option of HFC

Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Goodwin University Magnet Schools, Inc. certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.

Vote 2: Required vote for food exemptions for BOEs voting “yes” to the healthy food option of HFC

The motion and BOE-approved meeting minutes must reflect a “yes” or “no” vote to allow food exemptions.

The Goodwin University Magnet Schools, Inc. will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food sales.

Note: If the BOE votes “no” to participation in the healthy food option, a vote on whether to allow food exemptions is **not** required.

Attachment 1: Required Motion Language for the Healthy Food Certification (HFC) Statement

Required Language for BOE Vote and Minutes on Beverages

The state beverage requirements (C.G.S. Section 10-221q) apply to all public schools, regardless of whether the district participates in the NSLP or certifies for the healthy food option of HFC.

Vote 3: Optional vote for beverage exemptions for all BOEs

The Goodwin University Magnet Schools, Inc. will allow the sale to students of beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the beverages are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. The “school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the beverage sales.

Required Language for Option to Combine Food and Beverage Exemptions

BOEs that vote “yes” to participate in the healthy food option may choose to combine the two separate food and beverage exemptions into one motion. This combined option replaces votes 2 and 3 above.

Required motion language for combined food and beverage exemptions:

The Goodwin University Magnet Schools, Inc. will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food and beverage sales.



GUMS Resolution 25-04

**CORPORATE RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2025-2026 GOODWIN UNIVERSITY
MAGNET SCHOOL SYSTEM BUDGET**

The Undersigned Secretary of Goodwin University Magnet Schools, Inc. hereby certifies that the following resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Directors on April 24, 2025, and that such resolution has not been modified or rescinded as of the date hereof:

WHEREAS, Goodwin University Magnet Schools, Inc. has entered into an agreement with Goodwin University Educational Services, Inc. to authorize Goodwin University Magnet Schools, Inc. to administer the budget and the operations of the magnet school, and

WHEREAS, a budget represented as Attachment A to this resolution has been prepared for the operation of the Goodwin University Magnet Schools, Inc. covering the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the total anticipated budget for this period is \$30,678,472.73 and

WHEREAS, grant funding from the state of Connecticut Department of Education of Interdistrict Magnet School funds is available, and

WHEREAS, additional revenues for the operation of the school is available through the charging of tuition to local school districts, and

WHEREAS, Goodwin University Magnet Schools, Inc., has entered into an agreement with Goodwin University Inc. to provide services to support the operation of the school and to represent Goodwin University Magnet Schools, Inc. functions;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Goodwin University Magnet Schools, Inc. Board of Directors hereby approves the 2025-2026 budget in an amount of \$30,678,472.73 for the Goodwin University Magnet Schools, Inc. and be it further

RESOLVED, that Goodwin University Magnet Schools, Inc. Board of Directors hereby approves any

further adjustments to such approved budget if necessary to stay within available appropriations, and it be further

RESOLVED, that the Goodwin University Magnet Schools, Inc. Board of Directors authorizes the Superintendent of Goodwin University Magnet Schools, Inc., as its designated agent, to invoice and collect tuitions from the local school districts, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Goodwin University Magnet Schools, Inc. Superintendent is authorized to implement such budget for the operation of Goodwin Magnet Schools, Inc. which included the procurement of goods and services required for the operation of Goodwin University Magnet Schools.

Signed:

Todd Andrews, Secretary

Date:

Signed:

Jacqueline Jacoby, Chair

Date:



GUMS Resolution 25-05

CORPORATE RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2025-2026 GOODWIN UNIVERSITY MAGNET SCHOOL SYSTEM CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM BUDGET

The Undersigned Secretary of Goodwin University Magnet Schools (GUMS), Inc. hereby certifies that the following resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Directors on **April 24, 2025** and that such resolution has not been modified or rescinded as of the date hereof:

WHEREAS, Goodwin University Magnet Schools, Inc. recognizes the importance of child nutrition and the role it plays in academic performance and overall well-being, and

WHEREAS, Goodwin University Magnet Schools, Inc. is committed to ensuring that all students have access to nutritious meals during the school day, and

WHEREAS, Goodwin University Magnet Schools, Inc. is a School Food Authority (Sponsor) of the Child Nutrition Program (CNP) to support the health and nutrition of students, and

WHEREAS, a budget represented in Attachment A incorporates operation of the CNP covering the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the total CNP anticipated budget for this period is \$769,508.00.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Goodwin University Magnet Schools, Inc. Board of Directors hereby approves the following commitments:

1. Goodwin University Magnet Schools, Inc. shall comply with all federal and state regulations related to the CNP, including procurement regulations;
2. Goodwin University Magnet Schools, Inc. shall strive to incorporate local and fresh produce into the CNP as part of the Farm to School Initiative;
3. Goodwin University Magnet Schools, Inc. shall ensure that the CNP is accessible to all students, regardless of economic status;
4. Goodwin University shall provide ongoing training and support to all staff involved in the CNP to maintain high standards of nutrition and service.

and be it further

RESOLVED, that Goodwin University Magnet Schools, Inc. Board of Directors hereby approves the 2025-2026 CNP anticipated budget in the amount of \$769,508.00 and the Superintendent or their designee is authorized to implement the terms and conditions of a CNP Sponsorship as part of operating the Goodwin University Magnet School System.

Signed:

Todd Andrews, Secretary

Date:

Signed:

Jacqueline Jacoby, Chair

Date: