

HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD INQUIRY

Date Received: April 12, 2025

Time: 3:22 PM

Board Member: Adriana Quiñones

Administrator: Manoj Roychowdhury

I. ESTIMATED RESPONSE TIME REQUIRED:

1 Hour

II. INQUIRY/ISSUE DESCRIPTION:

1. Are the items listed being leased or purchased by HLPUSD?
2. How many food service stations, electric vehicles, and carts are being acquired?
3. Which schools will receive these items, and how many will each school be allocated?
4. What is the deadline for utilizing Nutrition Services Department funds? Additionally, could you please provide the grant verbiage?

III. ANALYSIS/FACT FINDING:

1. Are the items listed being leased or purchased by HLPUSD?
 - Purchased by the HLPUSD Nutrition Services.
2. How many food service stations, electric vehicles, and carts are being acquired?
 - At this time, we are planning to purchase three electric vehicles and one grill. Utilizing the piggyback contract will enable us to secure more favorable pricing, which may support the potential acquisition of kiosks or additional food service stations in the future.
3. Which schools will receive these items, and how many will each school be allocated?
 - The trucks will initially be utilized to support meal service at Mesa Robles School during its construction period, which is anticipated to last approximately 4 to 5 months. As part of our planning process, we explored mobile kitchen rental options. The most cost-effective rental identified was priced at \$6,380 per week, equating to \$25,520 per month, exclusive of additional expenses such as delivery, installation, and power setup. This option presented no long-term return on investment. In comparison, the total cost of purchasing the trucks and grill is \$268,500, offering a significantly more sustainable and cost-effective solution. Any remaining funds may be allocated toward the purchase of kiosks or food service stations, as needed by individual school sites. Upon completion of the construction project, the trucks and grill will be incorporated into a rotating service model across all school locations, featuring a special menu designed to increase student engagement and expand

access to meals. This strategy provides enduring value and reinforces the district's commitment to student nutrition and program promotion.

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- 4. What is the deadline for utilizing Nutrition Services Department funds? Additionally, could you please provide the grant verbiage?
 - There is no grant associated with this purchase, as it is being funded through Fund 13. A three-year spending plan has been submitted, and we provide annual reports to the California Department of Education (CDE) after each fiscal year to demonstrate that the fund balance is decreasing in accordance with state requirements.