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**Regular Board Meeting**

**5/13/2026 06:00 PM**

Hawthorne School District  
14120 South Hawthorne Blvd.

Hawthorne, CA 90250

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **V. Action Items**

**n. Renewal of Request for Proposal ("RFP") No. FS24-25-1 Distribution of Frozen, Refrigerated, Processed USDA Foods (Commodities), Miscellaneous Food Products, and Supplies**

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**Motion made by:** Dr. Eugene Krank

**Motion seconded by:** Sergio Mortara

**Voting results:** Unanimously Approved

Yes: Vicente Bravo

Yes: Dr. Eugene Krank

Yes: Cristina Chiappe

Yes: Sergio Mortara



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### Rationale:

On June 26, 2024, the Board of Trustees awarded RFP No. FS24-25-1 Distribution of Frozen, Refrigerated, Processed USDA Foods (Commodities), Miscellaneous Food Products, and Supplies, to Gold Star Foods, Driftwood Dairy, and Victor's Market. It is requested that the Board of Trustees renew the contracts for an additional year. The companies have agreed to a one-year renewal term, with price increases as per the attached renewal letters. Pursuant to Education Code Section §17596, the contracts may be renewed for an additional year based on mutual agreement, not to exceed two (2) one-year renewals; this would be the second renewal period.

### Goals

Strategic Goal XIII - Fiscal Responsibility: Efficiently allocate resources (i.e. facilities, equipment, supplies, etc.) to support student learning

### Recommended By:

Mara Pagniano, Associate Superintendent - Business Services

### Financial Impact:

13.0-53100.0-00000-37000-4710-0000XXX

### Attachments:

 [\\_ex\\_a\\_driftwood/May 13, 2026](#)

 [\\_ex\\_b\\_gold\\_star\\_bread/May 13, 2026](#)

 [\\_ex\\_c\\_gold\\_star\\_commodity/May 13, 2026](#)

 [\\_ex\\_d\\_victor's\\_market/May 13, 2026](#)

Created on 4/28/2026 at 3:55 PM PT by Cindy Lopez  
Last Modified on 5/6/2026 at 3:30 PM PT by Angelica Gonzalez



**GOLD STAR FOODS**

April 16, 2026

Hawthorne School District  
14120 S. Hawthorne Blvd.  
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Re: Extension Offer for RFP: FS24-25-1 Bread

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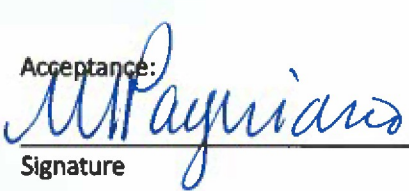
1. **Manufacturer price changes:** Supporting documentation and manufacturer pricing to follow.
2. **CPI Increase:** 3.77% Based on the Consumer Price Index Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA "All Urban Consumers" "All items less shelter".

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Thank you,

  
John Cho  
E.V.P. of Revenue Management

Acceptance:

  
Signature

May 14, 2026

Date

Associate Superintendent, Business Services

Title

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# VICTOR'S MARKET CO.

----- Wholesale Meat and Provisions -----

11735 SOUTH PRAIRIE HAWTHORNE, CA. 90250

PHONES: (310) 676-0127 OR (323) 772-2737

FAX: (310) 676-2247

E-MAIL: [sales@victorswholesale.com](mailto:sales@victorswholesale.com)

4/14/26

ATTN:

Aneska L. Kekula

Director- Purchasing

Business Services Hawthorne School District

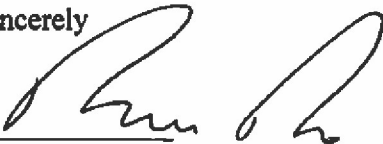
We are writing to formally communicate our decision regarding of the extending contract reference RFP No FS24-25-1 for renewal coming contract for the distribution of frozen, Refrigerated processed USDA Foods (Commodities). We are pleased to confirm the extension of our current agreement for the additional year 2026-27 FY.

We acknowledge the current global economic climate, characterized by significant volatility in fuel prices for both gasoline and diesel, alongside the persistent impact of tariffs. These external factors introduce considerable challenges in accurately forecasting and managing our operational cost.

Please be assured that our team is diligently working to navigate these complex conditions. We are committed to exploring every available strategy to optimize our internal efficiencies and mitigate the upward pressure on pricing. Our primary objective remains to deliver exceptional value while ensuring we continue to provide you with the most competitive pricing possible.

We look forward to another year of successful collaboration in ensuring the efficient and timely delivery of these important commodities.

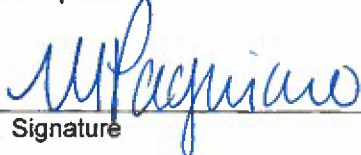
Sincerely



Bruce Penso

President

Acceptance:



Signature

Mara Pagniano,  
Associate Superintendent, Business Services

Print Name/Title

5/14/2026

Date



February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Hawthorne School District  
14120 Hawthorne Blvd.  
Hawthorne, CA. 90250

RE: RFP NO. FS24-25-1

Dear Hawthorne School District,

Thank you for agreeing to rollover Hawthorne School District, RFP NO. FS24-25-1, for the 2026-2027 school year. We are pleased to do so.

All terms and conditions of the contract will remain the same. Please confirm by signing below and return to my office via fax, e-mail, or mail.

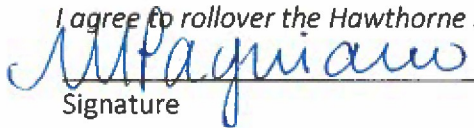
I would like to thank you and your staff for being such excellent customers. I look forward to continuing our excellent relationship!

Sincerely,



Greg Tortell  
School Sales Manager  
Driftwood Dairy, Inc.

*I agree to rollover the Hawthorne School District RFP NO. FS24-25-1 for the 2026-2027 school year.*



Signature

Mara Pagniano

Printed

Associate Superintendent, Business Services

Title

May 12, 2026

Date