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NORTH SHORE

SCHOOL DISTRICT 112

Date: July 21, 2026
To: Dr. Monica Schroeder, Superintendent of Schools
Members of the Board of Education
From: Jeremy Wickham, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and
Operations/CSBO
Subject: Approval of Bid Award: Food Service Management Contract - Quest Foods
Policy Alignment: Policy 4:60 Purchases and Contracts
Disposition: Action

Executive Summary:

On February 19, 2026, North Shore School District 112 published a request for proposals (RFP) for a Food Service Management Company (FSMC) in the Chicago Tribune. Fifteen vendors participated in the SFA Pre-Proposal Conference and SFA Facility Tour held on March 2, 2026.

On April 3, 2026, the District opened five food service management proposals. The five vendors that provided proposals were Just a Dash, Ordo, Organic Life, Quest, and Whitsons.

The proposals were rated by an Evaluation Team/Scoring Committee comprised of Jeremy Wickham, Executive Director of Technology & Operations; Georgette Franco, District Food Service Manager; William Kaplan, Principal of Northwood Middle School; Rebecca Hansen, Associate Principal of Edgewood Middle School; Courtney Gilkison, Principal of Ravinia Elementary School; Jamie Kahn, Principal of Braeside Elementary School; and Becky Hany, Director of Finance.

Based on the results of the Evaluation Team/Scoring Committee's ratings using the RFP's evaluation criteria, Quest Food Management Services received the highest overall score. The District is recommending Quest Food Management Services as its new food service management company beginning with the 2026-27 school year.

Recommendation:

Roll call vote to approve Quest Food Management Services as North Shore School District 112's food service management company for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented.

PROPOSED FIXED MEAL RATE

SECTION 22: Proposed Fixed Meal Rates

The SFA shall insert the Projected Annual Units and the Offeror shall insert their rate per unit. The SFA will verify and complete the estimated total for each meal type and calculate the total estimated amount of proposal.

This document contains a solicitation and Contract for the furnishing of management services for the operation of the nonprofit food service program(s) for the period beginning (8/1/2026) and ending on (7/31/2027) and sets forth the terms and conditions applicable to the procurement. Upon acceptance, this document and the RFP shall constitute the Contract between the offeror and the school food authority. The Offeror shall not plead misunderstanding or deception because of such estimate of quantities, or of the character, location, or other conditions pertaining to the solicitation/Contract.

Per Meal Prices must be a Firm Fixed Price Per Meal Rate and calculated as if no USDA commodities will be received.
No additional agreements, fees, costs, or expenses may be charged to the SFA above the total firm fixed price.

	Projected Annual Units	Rate Per Unit	Estimated Total***
School Nutrition Programs (SNP)*			
Reimbursable Breakfast w/ Milk	46,500	\$3.09	\$143,685.00
Reimbursable Lunch w/ Milk**	226,375	\$4.89	\$1,106,973.75
A la Carte Meal Equivalent**	46,139	\$4.89	\$225,619.71
Reimbursable After School Snack	0		
Special Milk Program (SMP)	756	\$0.34	\$257.04
Seamless Summer Option SSO	1,320	\$4.89	6,454.80
Management Fee per School Meal (Breakfast and Lunch)	0		

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)			
Reimbursable At-Risk After School Snack	0		
Reimbursable At-Risk After School Supper w/ Milk	0		
Reimbursable AM/PM Snack (Pre-K)	0		

Total Estimated Amount of Proposal \$ \$1,482,990.30

*May include SSO, refer to section 4 of the RFP

**Solicitation rates for SNP reimbursable Lunch and A la carte equivalency fee must be the same.

***All totals must be carried out to the second decimal place and must not be rounded.

Addenda Numbered 1 through 1 were received prior to the signing of this offer.

Quest Food Management Services, LLC

Name of Offeror

2500 S. Highland Ave
 Street Address City State Zip Code

By submission of this proposal, the Offeror certifies that, in the event the Offeror receives an award under this solicitation, the Offeror shall operate in accordance with all applicable current program regulations. This agreement shall be in effect for the period specified, not to exceed one year, and may be renewed by mutual agreement for up to four additional one-year Contract Terms.

03/31/2026 Nicholas Saccaro CEO
 Date Signature of Offeror Title