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To:

Dr. Parker & Mt. Vernon School Board of Trustees

From: Doris Johnson, Food Service Director

Request approval for Contract Award for Group Purchasing Organization/Distributor

Date: June 10, 2019

I request the approval for Contract Award for Group Purchasing Organization/Distributor. This recommendation is to establish a contract with a Group Purchasing Organization/Distributor to procure food, supplies, and materials and to provide information and services for the Food & Nutrition programs of member districts belonging to the Food2School Purchasing Cooperative.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

TITLE: Contract Award for Group Purchasing Organization/Distributor

BACKGROUND: This recommendation is to establish a contract with a Group Purchasing Organization/Distributor to procure food, supplies, and materials and to provide information and services for the Food & Nutrition programs of member districts belonging to the Food 2School Purchasing Cooperative.

- Eight companies received the RFP. US Foods, Inc. and HPS (GPO) returned proposals.
- The RFP evaluation was a two-step process with price and technical proposals scored by the Food2School Advisory Committee then reviewed by members.
- Evaluators and Food2School members unanimously agreed that the proposal from HPS was the most responsive and responsible.
- The Food2School Cooperative currently consists of seventy-eight (78) Indiana school districts responsible for providing meals to 191,800 students.
- The estimated value of the awarded contract is \$31 million.
- Warsaw Community Schools serves as the Lead District for the Food2School Purchasing Cooperative.

<u>RECOMMENDATION/FUTURE DIRECTION</u>: Award a contract for a Group Purchasing Organization/Distributor with the HPS Group Purchasing Organization.

Submitted by:

Doris Johnson, Director of Food & Nutrition Services