



Fayette County Public Schools

Executive Summary Fayette County Public Schools Board Meeting Agenda Item

MEETING: Regular

DATE: 7/20/2026

TOPIC: Award of Bids/Proposals

PREPARED BY: Kyna Koch, Interim Chief Financial Officer, Myron Thompson, Chief Operating Officer

Recommended Action on: 7/20/26
Consent Item for Vote (REGULAR MEETING)

Superintendent Prior Approval: Yes

Recommendation/Motion: Approve the award recommendations for the listed bids, proposals and extensions

Background/Rationale: A summary of bids/proposals submitted through a competitive solicitation to the Purchasing Department for approval

Strategic Priority:

- Student Achievement Unity, Belonging & Student Efficacy
- Highly Effective, Culturally Responsive Workforce
- Outreach & Engagement Organizational Health & Effectiveness

Data Considerations: NA

Policy: KRS 45A.365, KRS 45A.370

Fiscal Impact: Included in attachment

Attachments(s): Award of Bids/Proposals

AWARD OF BIDS/PROPOSALS

The following is a summary of bids/proposals and extensions submitted by the Purchasing Department for approval.

BIDS/PROPOSALS

BID	MAILING ROSTER	DEPARTMENT	RESPONSE – NUMBER RECEIVED
1. RFP 24-26 Produce	1. TSMSDC 2. Commerce Lexington 3. SBA 4. NAVOBA 5. APEX Accelerator 6. 7PM Group 7. Bidnet	Child Nutrition	2

<u>BID/RFP CONTRACT EXTENSIONS</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>YEAR OF CONTRACT RENEWAL</u>
1. RFP 25-22 Paper Towels – Toilet Paper and Dispensers	Kenway Distributors	Grounds and Custodial Support	4
2. Bid 45-24 Refuse Dumpster Services	Republic Services of Kentucky	Grounds and Custodial Support	2
3. Bid 40-23 Construction Dumpster Service	Blaze Enterprises LLC	Grounds and Custodial Support	3
4. RFP 23-23 Districtwide Beverage Vending	G & J Pepsi	Purchasing	3
5. RFP 55-22 Graduation Products	Jostens	High School Office	4
6. RFP 30-23 Auxiliary Security Service	Greene's Investigations SBSMC	Risk Management	3
7. RFP 23-25 Auxiliary Security Service for The HILL	SBSMC	Risk Management	1
8. RFP 25-25 Violent and Malicious Acts Insurance	Public Entity Insurance/ Houchens Insurance Group	Risk Management	1
9. Bid 38-25 Food Service Paper Products	Biosphere Inc dba Atmosphere Supply	Child Nutrition	1

10. Bid 36-23 Dairy Products	New Dairy Opco LLC dba Borden Dairy	Child Nutrition	3
11. Bid 40-22 Food Products for Child Nutrition	Clem's Refrigerated Foods	Child Nutrition	4
12. Bid 39-25 Smallware Products for Food Service	Norvex Supply	Child Nutrition	1
13. Bid 44-22 Pizza, Commercially Prepared	Team Goliath Inc dba Domino's Pizza	Child Nutrition	4

AWARD OF BIDS/PROPOSALS

1. RFP 24-26 Produce

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE:

This contract is used by Child Nutrition for purchasing fresh produce to be used daily in the school lunch program. Proposals are evaluated on price and local availability and the ability to deliver to all schools. There were two responses with Creation Gardens Inc scoring the highest and recommended for award. The RFP includes the option to renew on an annual basis upon Board approval.

Key to Markings

- Recommended Award

Vendor	Score
Creation Gardens Inc dba What Chefs Want ###	1000/1000
Papanias	900/1000

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	Papanias		Creation Gardens Inc dba What Chefs Want ###		
		LOCAL PRICING WHEN AVAILABLE	Local Pricing w/ Case Size (Count)	UNIT PRICE	LOCAL PRICING WHEN AVAILABLE	Local Pricing w/ Case Size (Count)
Apple, Gala	\$39.00			\$32.75		
Apple, Golden Delicious	\$38.00			\$35.50		
Apple, Granny Smith	\$42.00			\$36.25		
Apple, Red Delicious	\$38.00			\$32.00		
Apples, sliced	\$33.75			\$32.75		
Apple, Local, KY grown, Variety		\$42.00	125			
Bananas	\$29.75			\$26.50		
Bananas	\$0.75			\$6.70		
Broccoli	\$2.93			\$2.50		
Broccoli	\$40.95			\$35.00		
Cabbage, Red	\$0.82	\$0.82	116	\$1.25		
Cabbage, Red, Shredded	\$7.35			\$4.50		
Cantaloupe	\$2.67	\$2.67	each	\$2.50		
Carrots	\$1.00			\$1.50		
Carrots, Baby IND	\$30.85			\$28.50		
Carrots, Match Sticks	\$6.75			\$8.80		

Carrots, Sticks	\$11.75			\$9.20		
Cauliflower	\$3.45			\$2.95		
Celery	\$1.60			\$1.70		
Celery, Stix	\$11.75			\$9.75		
Cilantro	\$0.75			\$0.95		
Coleslaw Mix	\$6.45			\$4.75		
Cucumber	\$32.00			\$21.50		
Cucumber	\$16.00	\$16.00	24ct			
Grapefruit	\$37.00			\$35.00		
Grapes, Red Seedless	\$41.00			\$29.95		
Grapes, White Seedless	\$41.00			\$30.95		
Honeydew	\$5.00			\$4.95		
Jicama Sticks	\$26.00			\$13.00		
Kiwi	\$29.00			\$27.50		
Lemon	\$0.37			\$0.85		
Limes	\$0.47			\$0.80		
Lettuce, Chopped Romaine	\$5.33			\$6.75		
Lettuce, Chopped Romaine	\$31.95			\$26.00		
Lettuce, Leaf	\$1.50			\$1.62		
Lettuce, Romaine	\$38.00			\$37.25		
Lettuce, Romaine	\$1.58			\$1.85		
Lettuce, Shredded	\$6.50			\$5.85		
Onion, Diced	\$7.95			\$8.25		
Onion, Green	\$0.65			\$5.25		
Onion, Red	\$1.05			\$0.85		
Onion, Yellow	\$0.70			\$0.50		
Oranges	\$56.95			\$49.75		
Parsley	\$0.79			\$0.75		
Pears, Green	\$44.95			\$21.75		
Pepper, Green	\$0.70	\$0.70	each	\$1.75		
Pepper, Orange	\$1.75			\$2.25		
Pepper, Red	\$1.45			\$2.25		
Potato, 100 ct.	\$24.95			\$21.00		
Potatoes, 90 ct.	\$24.95			\$20.95		
Radish	\$1.65			\$2.00		
Spinach, Clipped, Cleaned	\$6.25			\$5.25		
Squash, Summer	\$1.05	\$1.05	116	\$2.25		
Strawberry	\$30.95	\$30.95	9/12 oz	\$25.25		

Tomatoes, Cherry	\$28.75	\$28.75	12/pt	\$22.25		
Tomatoes, Extra Large 5x6	\$34.00	\$16.00	10lb	\$25.25		
Tomatoes, Extra Large 5x6	\$1.70	\$1.60	1 lb	\$1.05		
Watermelon	\$7.50	\$7.50	each	\$8.25		
Zucchini	\$1.05	\$1.05	116	\$2.20		
Total number of lowest price items	22			37		

Contract Period: August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027

PROPOSAL:

Item	Amount	Funding Source	Recurring/ Nonrecurring	Measurable Expected Impact and Timeline
Produce	FY 2026 amount spent is approximately \$1,325,000.00	Food Service Accounts	Recurring	Will provide produce to school cafeterias for the 2026/2027 school year

Funding Key: Food Service Accounts

STAFF CONTACTS: Gwen Medley, Child Nutrition

POLICY REFERENCE: KRS 45A.370.

RECOMMENDATION: A motion is in order to:
 "Award the contract to Creation Gardens Inc dba What Chefs Want"

THE GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS, THE RFP DOCUMENT, AND A SUCCESSFUL OFFEROR'S RESPONSE CONSTITUTE THE FINAL CONTRACT/AGREEMENT BETWEEN FCPS AND OFFEROR. NO CONTRACT/AGREEMENT TERMS REQUIRED BY BIDDER WILL BE CONSIDERED BY FCPS THAT ARE NOT SUBMITTED WITHIN THE RESPONSE. A SUCCESSFUL OFFEROR UNDERSTANDS AND ACCEPTS THIS AS ESSENTIAL TO THE AWARD OF THE RFP. A SUCCESSFUL OFFEROR WHO SUBMITS ANY SUBSEQUENT DOCUMENT FOR FCPS TO ACCEPT/SIGN UNDERSTANDS AND AGREES THAT THIS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED OR ACCEPTED BY FCPS.

FOLLOWING THE SUBMISSION OF A RESPONSE AND THE AWARD OF THE RFP SHOULD A SUCCESSFUL OFFEROR TAKE THE POSITION THAT AN ADDITIONAL DOCUMENT WITH ADDITIONAL TERMS IS REQUIRED FOR A SUCCESSFUL OFFEROR TO COMPLY WITH TERMS OF THE RFP, THE RFP AWARD SHALL BE CONSIDERED VOID AND OFFEROR MAY BE DEBARRED FROM FUTURE WORK WITH FCPS.

CERTIFICATE MUST BE EXECUTED BY OFFEROR/ PROPOSING FIRM

In compliance with this Request for Proposals (RFP), in consideration of the detailed description attached hereto and subject to all conditions thereof, the undersigned agrees, if this bid is accepted, to furnish any or all of the items and services upon which prices are quoted in accordance with the specifications listed herein.

Contractor agrees to furnish and deliver all items/services set forth or otherwise identified in document and on any additional sheets subject to the terms and conditions herein.

To be signed by offeror:

Company Name What Chefs Want

Name Cristy Johnson Title VP of School Sales

Signature *Cristy Johnson*

Acceptance (to be signed if awarded contract)

Board of Education of Fayette County Kentucky

Superintendent

Date

APPROVAL FOR BID/RFP CONTRACT EXTENSIONS

1. RFP 25-22 Paper Towels – Toilet Paper and Dispensers

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE:

This RFP is used to establish a contract for the Grounds & Custodial Support Department to use for ordering paper towels and toilet paper for all district custodial staff. This RFP was sent out in 2022 and after scoring all proposals Kenway Distributors was the top score. The RFP includes the option to renew on an annual basis upon Board approval. This would be the fourth renewal.

Vendor:

Kenway Distributors Inc.

Contract Period: July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027

PROPOSAL:

Item	Amount	Funding Source	Recurring/ Nonrecurring	Measure Expected Impact and Timeline
Paper Towel and Toilet Paper	Historical purchases is approximately \$218,000.00 per year	Schools and Departments	Recurring	Will provide paper towels and toilet paper for the district for the 2026-2027 year as well as fiscal compliance with bid laws

Funding Key: Schools and Departments

STAFF CONTACT: Brannon Hager, Grounds and Custodial Support

POLICY REFERENCE: KRS 45A.370

RECOMMENDATION: A motion is in order to:
“Extend the contract for an additional year with Kenway Distributors Inc.”

2. BID 45-24 – Refuse Dumpster Service

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE:

FCPS owns dumpsters located at all schools and administrative buildings. It is important to have a contract that allows a company to empty, clean and maintain the dumpsters. The bid is awarded to the lowest price per pick up and Republic Services was awarded the bid last year. The bid included the option to renew on an annual basis upon Board approval for up to a total of 5 years. This would be the second renewal.

Vendor:

Republic Services

Contract Period: September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027

PROPOSAL:

Item	Amount	Funding Source	Recurring/ Nonrecurring	Measurable Expected Impact and Timeline
Refuse Dumpster Services	FY 2026 amount spent is approximately \$556,235.00	001 1 853 0421	Recurring	Allows for timely removal of refuse from FCPS dumpsters.

Funding Key:

001- District Wide, 1 – General Fund, 853 – District Wide Financial Services, 0421 – Sanitation Services

STAFF CONTACT:

Angela Hermes, Grounds and Custodial Support

POLICY REFERENCE:

KRS 45A.365

RECOMMENDATION:

A motion is in order to:
“Extend the current contract for an additional year with Republic Services.”

3. Bid 40-23 Construction Dumpster Services

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE:

This contract provides service to FCPS for construction dumpsters for the Division of Physical Support Services. Dumpsters are used daily for disposal of construction debris, auto parts from the bus garage and grounds maintenance debris, etc. Blaze Enterprises was awarded the contract in 2023. The bid included the option to renew the contract on an annual basis upon Board approval for up to a total of 5 years. This would be the third renewal.

Vendor

Blaze Enterprises WBE

Contract Period: September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027

PROPOSAL:

Item	Amount	Funding Source	Recurring/ Nonrecurring	Measurable Expected Impact and Timeline
Construction Dumpster Services	FY 2026 amount spent is approximately \$55,845.00	001 1 853 0421	Recurring	Will permit the District to continue operation without unacceptable disruption to the services required to support the educational process

Funding Key: 001- District Wide, 1 – General Fund, 853 – District Wide Financial Services, 0421 – Sanitation Services

STAFF CONTACT: Angela Hermes, Grounds and Custodial Support

POLICY REFERENCE: KRS 45A.365

RECOMMENDATION: A motion is in order to:
“Extend the current contract for an additional year with Blaze Enterprises.”

4. RFP 23-23 District Beverage Vending Contract

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE:

Vending machines are a significant funding source for school activity funds and are used in all schools. Only teachers have access to vending machines in Elementary schools and students have access to machines in Middle and High Schools only during hours that food service is not available. The contract has an option to renew the contract for an additional year up to five years pending approval by the Board. This would be the third renewal.

Vendor:

G & J Pepsi Cola

Contract Period: July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027

PROPOSAL:

Item	Amount	Funding Source	Recurring / Nonrecurring	Measurable Expected Impact and Timeline
Beverage Vending	Commissions for schools for FY 2026 is approximately \$43,318.00	Student activity funds and general fund for support buildings	Recurring	Requested service by staff and students above elementary (after food service scheduled times)

STAFF CONTACTS: Matt Moore, Purchasing

POLICY REFERENCE: KRS 45A.370.

RECOMMENDATION: A motion is in order to:
"Extend the contract for an additional year with G & J Pepsi Cola".

5. RFP 55-22 Graduation Products

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE:

Each year in FCPS, high school seniors, and their families, purchase graduation caps, gowns, diploma covers, and other attire through outside vendor(s). To ensure consistent product, cost, and services district wide this RFP was issued to locate an exclusive vendor that will serve all Pre-K-12 schools and families for the upcoming school year. The RFP included the option to renew the contract on an annual basis for up to five years pending approval by the Board. This would be the fourth renewal.

Vendor

Jostens Inc

Contract Period: July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027

PROPOSAL:

Item	Amount (estimated)	Funding Source	Recurring/ Nonrecurring	Measurable Expected Impact and Timeline
Graduation Products	FY to date amount is approximately \$50,000.00	Individual School Accounts and families of students	Recurring	Contract to establish an exclusive vendor for graduation products to be used by schools and families

STAFF CONTACT: James McMillin, Chief of Schools

POLICY REFERENCE: KRS 45A.370

RECOMMENDATION: A motion is in order to:
"Extend the contract for an additional year with Jostens Inc."

6. RFP 30-23 Auxiliary Security Services

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE:

The Department of Risk Management and Safety sent out an RFP for security ambassadors to work the metal detectors for several schools in 2023. There were six responses to the solicitation. A committee of 4 staff evaluated and scored each response with the highest two scores being awarded the contract. The RFP had the option to renew the contract on an annual basis pending Board approval for up to five years. This would be the third renewal.

Vendor:

SBSMC MWBE

Greene's Investigations MVBE

Contract Period: August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027

PROPOSAL:

Item	Amount	Funding Source	Recurring / Nonrecurring	Measurable Expected Impact and Timeline
Security Services	2026 FY expenditure is approximately \$1,800,000.00	SAFE	Recurring	Immediate impact to enable FCPS to have workers at metal detectors at FCPS schools

Funding Key: SAFE

STAFF CONTACT: Jamaica Charters, Associate Director of Safety and Security

POLICY REFERENCE: KRS 45A.370

RECOMMENDATION: A motion is in order to
"Extend the contracts for an additional year with SBSMC for Bryan Station, Lafayette, The Learning Center, STEAM and Success Academy and Greene's Investigations for Tates Creek, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Frederick Douglass and Henry Clay."

7. RFP 23-25 Auxiliary Security Services – The HILL

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE:

The Department of Risk Management and Safety sent out an RFP for security ambassadors to work the metal detectors for The HILL. There were six responses to the RFP. Staff evaluated and scored each response with the highest score being recommended for award. The RFP has the option to renew the contract on an annual basis pending Board approval for up to five years. This would be the first renewal.

Vendor:

SBSMC MWBE

Contract Period: August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027

PROPOSAL:

Item	Amount	Funding Source	Recurring / Nonrecurring	Measurable Expected Impact and Timeline
Security Services	2026 FY expenditure is approximately \$155,000.00	SAFE	Recurring	Immediate impact to enable FCPS to have workers at metal detectors at FCPS schools

Funding Key:

SAFE

STAFF CONTACT:

Jamaica Charters, Associate Director of Safety and Security

POLICY REFERENCE:

KRS 45A.370

RECOMMENDATION:

A motion is in order to
"Extend the contract for an additional year with SBSMC for the HILL."

8. RFP 25-25 – Violent and Malicious Acts Insurance Coverage

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE:

As part of the district safety plan Violent Malicious Acts Coverage is needed in case a violent act ever occurs on district property. The coverage would assist with psychological services, litigation, and other costs. An RFP was sent out with 2 insurance carriers responding. Carriers were scored on cost, coverage features, prior experience with public school systems, references and customer service. Public Entity Insurance scored the highest and was awarded the contract. The contract has an option to renew for an additional year up to five years pending approval by the Board. This would be the first renewal.

Vendor:

Public Entity Insurance

Contract Period: July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027

PROPOSAL:

Item	Amount	Funding Source	Recurring/ Nonrecurring	Measurable Expected Impact and Timeline
Violent and Malicious Acts Insurance	Last FY amount was \$46,030.70	SAFE	Recurring	Statutory Requirement

STAFF CONTACTS:

Joseph L. Isaacs, Director of Risk Management and Safety

POLICY REFERENCE:

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RECOMMENDATION:

A motion is in order to:
"Extend the contract for an additional year with Public Entity Insurance "

9. Bid 38-25 Food Service Paper Products

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE:

School Lunch Paper Supplies are used in the operation of the National School Lunch and Breakfast programs and are competitively bid. This bid is awarded to one vendor who provides the best value for all items in the bid. The bid was awarded in 2025 to Atmosphere Supply. The contract has an option to renew for an additional year up to five years pending approval by the Board. This would be the first renewal.

Vendor:

Biosphere Inc dba Atmosphere Supply

Contract Period: August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027

PROPOSAL:

Item	Amount	Funding Source	Recurring/ Nonrecurring	Measurable Expected Impact and Timeline
Paper Products	Year to date expenditure is approximately \$497,000.00	Food Service Accounts	Recurring	Will provide paper products to school cafeterias for 2026/2027 school year

Funding Key: Food Service Accounts

STAFF CONTACT: Gwen Medley, Child Nutrition Purchasing

POLICY REFERENCE: KRS 45A.365

RECOMMENDATION: A motion is in order to:
"Extend the contract for an additional year with Biosphere Inc dba Atmosphere Supply."

10. Bid 36-23 Dairy Products

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE:

Dairy Products are used in the operation of the National School Lunch Program and Breakfast Program and are competitively bid. A bid was sent out in 2023 with New Dairy Opco DBA Borden being awarded the contract. The bid included the option to extend the contract on an annual basis for up to five years pending approval by the Board. This would be the third renewal.

Vendor:

New Dairy Opco DBA Borden Dairy

Contract Period: August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027

PROPOSAL:

Item	Amount	Funding Source	Recurring/ Nonrecurring	Measurable Expected Impact and Timeline
Dairy Products	FY 2026 amount spent is approximately \$1,700,000.00	Food Service Accounts	Recurring	Will provide dairy products to school cafeterias for the 2026/2027 school year

Funding key: Food Service Accounts

STAFF CONTACT: Gwen Medley, Child Nutrition

POLICY REFERENCE: KRS 45A.365

RECOMMENDATION: A motion is in order to:
"Extend the current contract for an additional year with New Dairy Opco DBA Borden Dairy"

11. Bid 40-22 Food Products for Child Nutrition

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE:

Food Service has used the HPS School Food Purchasing Program bid through GFS to insure they receive the best pricing for the products they serve. This bid is for specific items that are not available through the HPS bid. A bid was sent out in 2022 with Clem’s Refrigerated Foods being awarded the contract. The bid included the option to extend the contract on an annual basis for up to five years pending approval by the Board. This would be the fourth renewal.

Vendor:

Clem’s Refrigerated Foods

Contract Period: August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027

Item	Amount	Funding Source	Recurring/ Nonrecurring	Measurable Expected Impact and Timeline
Food Products	FY 2026 amount spent is approximately \$2,836,000.00	Food Service Accounts	Recurring	Will provide food products to school cafeterias for 2026/2027 school year

Funding key: Food Service Accounts

STAFF CONTACT: Gwen Medley, Child Nutrition Purchasing

POLICY REFERENCE: KRS 45A.365

RECOMMENDATION: A motion is in order to:
“Extend the current contract for an additional year with Clem’s Refrigerated Foods.”

12. Bid 39-25 Smallware Products for Food Service

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE:

This bid is used by Child Nutrition to purchase small wares that are used in the school cafeterias. The bid is awarded by line item based on the lowest price and was awarded to Norvex in 2025. The bid includes the option to renew on an annual basis pending Board Approval.

Vendor:

Norvex Supply

Contract Period: August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027

PROPOSAL:

Item	Amount	Funding Source	Recurring/ Nonrecurring	Measurable Expected Impact and Timeline
Smallwares	Year to date expenditure is approximately \$27,977.00	Food Service Accounts	Recurring	Will provide small wares to school cafeterias for 2026/2027 school year

Funding key: Food Service Accounts

STAFF CONTACT: Gwen Medley, Child Nutrition

POLICY REFERENCE: KRS 45A.365

RECOMMENDATION: A motion is in order to:
"Extend the current contract for an additional year with Norvex Supply."

13. Bid 44-22 Pizza Commercially Prepared for School Cafeterias

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE:

Commercial Pizza is competitively bid in the operation of the National School Lunch program as well as Ala Carte sales. A bid was sent out in 2022 with Domino's Pizza being awarded the contract. The bid included the option to extend the contract on an annual basis for up to five years pending approval by the Board. This would be the fourth renewal.

Vendor:

Team Goliath Inc dba Domino's Pizza

Contract Period: August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027

Item	Amount	Funding Source	Recurring/ Nonrecurring	Measurable Expected Impact and Timeline
Commercially Prepared Pizza	FY 2026 amount spent is approximately \$341,600.00	Food Service Accounts	Recurring	Will provide pizza products to school cafeterias for 2026/2027 school year

Funding key: Food Service Accounts

STAFF CONTACT: Gwen Medley, Child Nutrition Purchasing

POLICY REFERENCE: KRS 45A.365

RECOMMENDATION: A motion is in order to:
"Extend the current contract for an additional year with Team Goliath Inc dba Domino's Pizza."