

NJASBO has developed a resolution related to the new rules governing Food Service Management Contracts introduced in June 2017. We ask that your board of education and administration discuss, complete, and sign the following resolution, then submit it to the organizations listed in the final section of the resolution below.

Resolution

Cost Reimbursement for Food Service Management Services works best for

_____Name of School District_____

Whereas, the Department of Agriculture sent a notice on June 14, 2017 to New Jersey school districts participating in the National School Lunch program announcing a significant change in the procurement protocol for the contracting of food service management companies that operate breakfast and lunch programs for New Jersey public schools, and

Whereas, this new procurement protocol would change the fundamental basis for awarding food service management contracts from a “Cost Reimbursement Basis” to a “Fixed Price Basis” for contract awards, and

Whereas, the _____ Board of Education has engaged staff and the community year after year to provide a local food service program that addresses and meets the needs of our children, and

Whereas, the _____ Board of Education credits the current “Cost Reimbursement” procurement method as the reason why the local school district can design a food service program that has the flexibility of meeting the needs of its children, and

Whereas, the _____ Board of Education declares that the “Fixed Price” procurement system would dramatically reduce the school district’s ability to change or alter its food service operations without the need to rebid for food service management services, and

Whereas, the _____ Board of Education further declares that the “Fixed Price” procurement method would impact the quality of the meals served to its children and therefore impact the participation of children in our breakfast and lunch program, and

Whereas, the _____ Board of Education further declares that the “Fixed Price” procurement method may limit the number of competitive proposals received by boards of education, and

Whereas, the _____ Board of Education rejects the Department of Agriculture’s underlying reasons for making this change without giving NJ School Districts the opportunity to address their concerns in an attempt to keep this procurement method in place, and

Whereas, the _____ Board of Education prefers an optional procurement system for securing Food Service Management Companies whereby the district could choose either Cost Reimbursement” or “Fixed Price” as the basis for contract awards.

Now Therefore be it Resolved, that the _____ Board of Education hereby requests the Department of Agriculture to reconsider its plans to move the basis of awarding Food Service Management contracts to a “Fixed Price” basis and allow the option of continuing to use a “Cost Reimbursement procurement model; or in the alternative , a “Fixed Price” procurement method, and

Be It Further Resolved, that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to:

New Jersey Association of School Business Officials

New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture (369 S Warren St, Trenton, NJ 08608)

Local Legislators

NJ School Boards

NJ School Superintendents

NJ Principals and Supervisors

NJ PTA