

ARAMARK CONTRACT RENEWAL – FOOD SERVICE **(WCSD PRINCIPAL RECOMMENDATIONS*)**

School	Principal	Renew?	Comments from Principals (direct quotes, in their entirety, from emails)
AVES	Fulgenzi	Yes	“Yes, their efforts have been strong. They are trying to please. It is only fair to give them more time to iron out any problems and to advance further any improvements. One year is hardly enough for such a large transition, especially in the WCSD. Frankly, I am surprised that only one year was given, and this is renewal time only after one year . . . I have been more than satisfied with both Custodial and Food Services.”
BWMS	Weber		“I have not seen a significant difference in the food that has been prepared as compared to what was being served in the past minus some of the foods such as French fries. They have listened to what we have suggested and seem to have a genuine desire to serve good foods to the kids but I don’t see the difference. Also, the staff who used to eat in the cafeteria have completely banned eating from the cafeteria due to the increase in price.”
EMHS	Martin	Yes	“The Eisenhower students have complained this year about the changes in the offerings at lunch. Many of the students preferred last year’s lunch choices over the present year’s choices. The cafeteria employees performance remains consistent with previous years, and the student have not shared any complaints with me.”
LEC	Stimmell	Yes	“I would also recommend that the Aramark Food Service contract be renewed as I am pleased with the greater selection of food for our students. However, I think the cost of an adult meal needs to be reviewed.”
RES	Deppas	<i>No answer as of 4/4/07.</i>	<i>No answer as of 4/4/07.</i>
SAMHS	Evers	Yes	“Without questions I would support the renewal of the Food Service contract. The quality of the food has been outstanding.”

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SSELC	Buerkle	Yes	<p>“Yes. However, there are way too many choices for young kids. The quality of food at the beginning of the year was great. Aramark works well with the café staff . . . the café at SSELC needs to be improved to meet the increased number of lunches Aramark wants to serve”</p>
SGES	Madigan	Yes	<p>“Yes, I would recommend the contract be renewed for the 2007-2008 school year for the Aramark’s Food Services. The children at SGES are purchasing more lunches than last year and seem to be excited about the choices . . . I do feel things would run more smoothly if additional training and thought went into the changes before they happened. I know the number one complaint from my cafeteria and custodial workers is that there is no one available to answer their questions immediately. I personally think that part of this problem will clear up when some one is appointed to head up the Food Services. On the positive side, I do like the Quality Nutrition Program which involves the parents, students, faculty, principal, and an Aramark representative to sit down and discuss the concerns of the cafeteria.”</p>
WAEC	Nelson	Yes	<p>“Absolutely! Food quality and choice have improved greatly this year. More staff are purchasing lunches even with the price increase. Aramark was willing to listen to needs and has installed a very popular salad bar at WAEC. Aramark seems to be sincerely concerned about student health and student wishes and tries to balance both of those in the menu selections. Overall selection appears to be healthier. They have listened to and solicited feedback from staff and students. They are very cooperative to work with . . . I am very pleased with the services and performance of Aramark.”</p>
WAHS	Miller	<i>No answer as of 4/4/07.</i>	<i>No answer as of 4/4/07.</i>

WCCC	Berry	Yes	“I have been pleased with Aramark catering services here at WCCC. The presentations are inviting, food is fresh, selections are appropriate for the occasions and service is very accommodating. This would be a vote of yes.”
YEMS	Young	Yes	“Yes. Aramark has been directed to do an almost impossible task, and in spite of obstacles, the students are much happier with the school lunch program this year than in the past . . . The QNP meetings have been a benefit even though it is difficult to schedule as many of them as we would like to see.”
YHS	Jaskolka	Yes	“I would support the contract renewal. The increased selections on the menu have made the lunch program more upscale in my opinion. Providing students with wide healthy selections has been a priority for Aramark food service program.”

* All recommendations gathered by email between 03/28/07 and 04/04/07.