

**BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

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***SUBJECT:***

Consideration of Acquisition and Transition to New School Food Service Software

***BACKGROUND INFORMATION:***

The School Food Services department currently uses MealsPlus as its point of sale, student meal balance, and inventory software. The MealsPlus software is being phased out and will no longer be available to Aiken upon the expiration of our current contract in September 2022.

***ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:***

The provider of MealsPlus, LINQ, offers a follow-up software (Titan) that provides enhanced functionality in a fully integrated and web-based package. Titan's modules include inventory tracking, menu planning, point of sale, production records, purchasing, and meal applications. The Titan software is compatible with SCAPS (the SC Department of Education accounting software) and is currently used by more than 600 school districts nation-wide. The School Food Service department has reviewed the software capabilities and demonstrations and prefers this software as a successor to MealsPlus. Similarities of some components to the current MealsPlus software will aid users in the transition.

The five-year cost of the program (including setup and training fees) is \$290,812. [\$10,000 setup related fees in the current year, \$42,276 for 2022 – 2023, \$55,671 for 2023 – 2024, and \$66,955 each for 2024 – 2025, 2025 – 2026, and 2026 – 2027.]

The software, if approved, would be funded from the School Food Service Fund.

***RECOMMENDATION:***

Approve the purchase of the LINQ Titan Software for School Food Service

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