



## Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council Food Service Updates for January 2025

- The results of our November meal price and foodservice wage survey are completed. Please visit our foodservice website: [www.swepc.org/EPCNEWS.aspx](http://www.swepc.org/EPCNEWS.aspx) to see the results.
- EPC has been working with ODEW to streamline the procurement process. We have provided a link to all the procurement documents for the reviewer to use. This is in lieu of each individual district having to upload the same documents over and over. Of course, each district will still be requested to send invoice copies, etc., but the EPC bid document portion, which is quite extensive has been greatly streamlined. You can view the 23-24 procurement documents on our foodservice website: <https://www.swepc.org/procurement.aspx>.
- The EPC Foodservice Bid Committee is meeting on January 29 to discuss the upcoming bid season. New meal regulations including reductions in sugar and sodium will be considered as we seek new pricing. Also, more stringent requirements to buy only American produced products will affect the bid process.
- If you have not yet checked out our new foodservice website, please go to [www.swepc.org](http://www.swepc.org). One new feature is the ability for districts to upload random invoices so we can help to check that the vendors are charging the correct bid price. Also, members can complete the new item survey to suggest new items for the bid.

### SWEPC Foodservice Programs

EPC Commercial Bid Program & SWEPC Commodity Co-Op, District Food Service Management Assistance, Procurement Reviews, Administrative Reviews, Profit/Loss Analysis, Consulting & Training Needs, Networking Events, EPC Google Group, Vendor Fair Foodservice Update Meeting/Vendors & more!