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HAWAII CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

February 3, 2025

Mr. Damon Murphy, Director
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Email
Agreement No. 2406-6

Re: National School Lunch Program SY 2022-2023 Procurement Review Closure Letter

Dear Mr. Murphy:

This letter summarizes the results of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Procurement Review for Connections PCS. The objectives of this review are to determine whether your School Food Authority (SFA) meets federal and state procurement standards and if corrective action is needed.

This Procurement Review was conducted by Shaynee Moreno on May 15-19, 2023. It was held in conjunction with your organization's Administrative Review (AR) of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP).

Procurement Summary: Connections PCS obtains much of its produce through the DOD Fresh Program. As a self-operating sponsor, the school purchases ingredients for NSLP and SBP from a variety of food distributors and grocery outlets, and conducts cost comparisons frequently. The total amount of purchases for similar items are under the school's small purchase threshold of \$150,000 and the micro purchase threshold of \$3,500. Connections PCS purchases local produce when the products are available and when the price is feasible.

While HCNP received the majority of the requested documents which included Connection PCS' Procurement Policy, General Ledger, Receipts, Buy American (Hawaii) Provision Worksheet; we did not receive the USDA Procurement Tool.

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HCNP will review Connections Public Charter School's current procurement practices in the next procurement review.

This Procurement Review is now closed and no further action is needed. Should you have any questions, please contact Shaynee Moreno, Accountant for Hawaii Child Nutrition Programs, at 808-587-3600 or via email Shaynee.Moreno@k12.hi.us.

Sincerely,



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