



Blount County Budget Committee Memo

TO: Blount County Commissioners

FROM: Blount County Schools

DATE: February 25, 2026

RE: Food Service Kitchen Equipment

1. Proposal (what is the new item/service being requested) The replacement of five pieces of industrial size kitchen equipment that are integral to food service ops. Each piece of equipment being requested is either completely inoperable or has required frequent pricey repairs. The equipment ranges from 29 to 49 years old and replacement parts are becoming increasingly harder to find, if available at all. Bid No. 2026-0053
2. Current Operations (how are operations without the request and impact if not funded) Typical lead times for industrial kitchen equipment can span several weeks. If equipment is not replaced before a total failure occurs the ability to safely provide meals to students will be severely impeded.

3. Impact if funded (provide summary if the request is approved) If the funds are approved a purchase order will be issued and the equipment will be ordered as soon as possible. The goal is to receive the replacement equipment before the current equipment fails completely. References were checked for the recommended vendor and positive feedback was received.

Budget Impact	
Original Budget	\$ 0.00
Amendment Impact	\$ 261,456.96
Proposed Revised Budget	\$ 261,456.96

Signature from Department Head/Elected (or designee)

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