



## Legislation Text

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**Item:**

**Approval of Contract for DPS Central Kitchen Feasibility Study**

**Date of BOCC Meeting:** October 14, 2019

**Request for Board Action:**

The Board is requested to review and approve the attached contract for a feasibility study for a DPS Central Kitchen.

The County was one of five parties approached in 2018 about the possibility of co-funding a feasibility study for a “DPS Central Kitchen” at \$24,000 apiece. The other parties are the City of Durham, Durham Public Schools, Duke University, and Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina. The plan is to flesh out a vision for a central kitchen that would decrease operational costs for school meals, improve nutrition, strengthen the local agricultural economy, and potentially be a workforce development driver as well.

This concept, including a funding commitment contingent on funding from the other four partners, was agreed to by Commissioners at their March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 worksession and discussed again during budget discussions for the FY19-20 budget.

Durham County has agreed to be the fiscal agent for the contributions coming from the City of Durham and Durham Public Schools, which brings the total dollar amount of this contract to \$72,000, a level requiring Board approval. \$48,000 of that amount will be reimbursed by the City and Durham Public Schools.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** The DPS Central Kitchen concept has potential positive impacts on Goals 1 (Community and Family Prosperity), 2 (Health and Well-Being for All), and 4 (Environmental Stewardship and Community Prosperity) of the Durham County Strategic Plan.

**Resource Persons:** Drew Cummings, Chief of Staff

**County Manager’s Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board review and approve the attached contract for a feasibility study for a DPS Central Kitchen.

County Manager: \_\_\_\_\_