



CRETE-MONEE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Committee of the Whole Meeting – May 12, 2026

Discussion to approve and accept the bid results for Districtwide Garbage & Recycling services for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years.

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The Issue:

The District is in need of securing a contract for Garbage Removal and Recycling services at all Crete-Monee CUSD 201-U sites. The existing contract is set to expire, and the new agreement will cover a two-year period starting July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028.

Justification:

To remain in alignment with Illinois bid laws and procedures (specifically Public Act 095-0241), District 201-U publicly requested sealed proposals for garbage and recycling services. This process ensures the District maintains competitive pricing and reliable service levels for sanitation and waste management across all facilities.

Board Policy and Past Practices:

It is the policy of the Board of Education to purchase and contract in accordance with state bid laws.

Strategic Plan:

- Goal 6: Prioritize our financial resources to meet our short and long-term goals.

Community Impact:

This project helps to maintain safe, clean, and inviting facilities for staff, students, and the community. Effective waste management is essential for the daily operations of the District's eight school sites and administrative buildings.

Supporting Data:

The Invitation to Bid was advertised in the Sun-Times newspaper and posted on the District website starting April 17, 2026. Bids were opened publicly on May 5, 2026. Two vendors submitted proposals: Republic Services (current provider) and LRS (Lakeshore Recycling Systems, LLC). The bid requested pricing for both "Occupied Months" (August–May/June) and "Unoccupied Months" (June/July) to account for varying waste volume during the school year versus summer break.

Bid Comparison (Annual Totals):

Vendor	Year #1 (2026-27)	Year #2 (2027-28)
Republic Services	\$48,421.32	\$50,842.38
LRS (Lakeshore Recycling)	\$66,312.00	\$68,964.00

Note: Annual totals are estimated based on monthly container rates provided in the bid tally sheets for all sites.

Financial Impact:

These services will be paid through the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Fund. The lowest responsible bid submitted by Republic Services represents a competitive rate consistent with the District's budgetary expectations.

Recommendation:

The Administration recommends that the Board approve the "Garbage and Recycle Services" bid as presented by Republic Services for Year #1 and Year #2, as they provided the lowest responsible bid.