

Topic: EE-16 – Recommendation of \$500,000 or Greater – FY20-017 – Plasticware and Flatware for Cafeterias

Staff Follow Up: Staff to clarify whether the District is utilizing paper straws and any other efforts to be environmentally friendly as it relates to this contract. **(N. Rupert) SBOM-050719-23**

Response: The plastic and flatware cutlery bid changes the **plastic straw** to a **paper straw** in the utensil packet. The current warehouse stock level, utensil packet with the plastic straw, will be depleted and replaced with the new product.

The plastic straw for the juice pouch will still be in use, but only distributed when the juice pouch is on the menu. We have not found a paper straw with the strength to puncture the plastic juice pouch. We continue to reach out to the manufactures and vendors with our needs.

Regarding styrofoam, these items are on a separate bid which will expire this year. On the new bid we will transition several items from styrofoam to paper- plates and soup bowls. Again, current stock levels need to be depleted.

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