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August 12, 2026 Agenda Review Committee Follow-Ups

Agenda Review Committee (ARC) follow-ups are shared publicly so that members of the public can view responses to issues that directly impact the CPS community in advance of the Board's consideration at regular Board meetings. Follow-ups are unanswered questions asked by Board Members during a public meeting. See the August 2026 ARC follow-ups and responses below.

Item Description	Follow-Up Question	District Response	Responding Department
Item 5: Custom Printing Services & Promotional Materials	How many vendors for this item are local?	Out of the 75 vendors (including 20 new vendors that are being added), 48 vendors are local. The CPS Procurement Team is also reaching out to the print shops at Cook County and City of Chicago levels to see if CPS would be able to use these resources. In addition to availability and access, there are some workload and capacity considerations that would also need to be considered. The CPS Procurement Team will report back to the Board with more information.	Department of Procurement
Item 9: Accurate Biometrics	Would it save more money if volunteers were held to the same requirements that employees are held to? Would it make it significantly easier for parents to volunteer in schools?	Yes, money would be saved. Specifically in SY23-24, 6,104 Level 1 volunteers were fingerprinted at a cost of \$235,000. In SY24-25, 7,048 Level 1 volunteers were fingerprinted at a cost of \$271,348. In SY25-26, 7,310 Level 1 volunteers were fingerprinted at a cost of \$281,435. However, ease and cost savings cannot outweigh safety. Our policies are informed by the CPS Office of Student Protection and Title IX (OSP) and the CPS Law Department.	Office of School Safety and Security

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Item 16: Groundskeeping Products & Services	Are the facilities split even between the vendors for groundskeeping?	They are not split evenly. Please see this sheet for the breakout of awards by vendor.	Facilities Department