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The Board shall purchase goods and services of the requisite quality at the lowest possible cost and shall invite widespread competition in order to achieve this end. Where all other considerations are equal, however, the Board will exercise a preference for dealing with established local merchants and service providers from within the boundaries of the school district.

The certified School Business Administrator is authorized to place purchase orders with local merchants and providers when their prices and terms are competitive with other vendors. Nothing in this policy shall be deemed to circumvent the requirements of law regarding public purchasing.

N.J.S.A.18A:6-8; 18A:12-2; 18A:18A-15(b)

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