

## **Board of Education: Crete-Monee School District 201-U**

Regular Board Meeting – September 16, 2025

### **Award the design project of the Crete-Monee Middle School Renovation to Arcon Associates.**

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#### **The Issue:**

Crete-Monee Middle School is in need of additional classrooms and workspaces to accommodate the current academic programming. Seven classrooms, 4 small group workrooms, and 2 teacher work rooms are proposed to be constructed at the building this school year with an anticipated completion date of August 2026.

Arcon was selected for this project after receiving a design plan from the current architect of record for the district, Healy Bender Patton & Been. The design provided by them did not address the additional space needed for the building thus resulting in the selection of another design firm.

#### **Justification:**

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#### **Board Policy and Past Practices**

It is the practice of the Board to investigate, discuss and decide on actions that could improve the district facilities.

#### **Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation supports Goal #6 of the Strategic Plan which states that the Board is to “create or enhance facilities that are equitable, safe, and well-maintained to meet the educational needs of our students.”

#### **Community Impact:**

The capital improvements will provide additional learning space for the students and staff. The increased learning space will enhance the learning environment of the students.

#### **Supporting Data:**

The following documents have been included for reference and review:

- Standard Form Agreement

#### **Financial Impact:**

The fee for design services will be 8%, in line with industrial standards for renovation projects.

**Recommendation:**

The administration recommends awarding the design project of the Crete-Monee Middle School Renovation to Arcon Associates.