

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: March 8,2024

NUMBER: 24-115

FROM: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approval of Funding for
Engineering Services
Supporting FY 26 DEED
Applications and
Delegation of Contracting
Authority

STRATEGIC PLAN/BOARD GOAL:

Support Student-Centered Learning Environments.

ABSTRACT:

The allocation of funding to provide engineering services to support preparation of FY 26 grant applications to the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) and approval of contracts over \$50,000 require approval of the Board.

ISSUE:

The Districtwide Fire System Repair and Replacement and Districtwide DDC Controls are critically needed projects that require additional engineering evaluation and reports to achieve higher ranking on the DEED Major Maintenance Grant list.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

The Districtwide Fire System Repair and Replacement at six sites was the District's second priority application but it only ranked 54th on the DEED FY 25 Major Maintenance list. The Districtwide DDC Control Upgrades at eight sites was the District's fifth priority and was ranked 21st. Both applications can benefit from additional engineer support. Without more detailed third party documentation these important projects can be anticipated to receive similar scores in the next grant cycle.

The applications will achieve higher scores if the applications include condition surveys and documentation of the specific needs at each site provided by professional engineers. An allocation of funding is required to acquire these services. The Joint Maintenance and Construction Committee discussed the need to improve the scores for these applications at its March 7 meeting. The JMCC recommended that the Regional School Board approve an allocation of \$75,000 for engineering services in support of these applications at the March 8 meeting.

With the approval of funding the District will advertise for a term contract for engineering services. So that engineering work in support of DEED applications can begin promptly a delegation of authority to the Superintendent to award a contract is recommended.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the allocation of \$75,000 for engineering services in support of FY 26 DEED grant applications and the delegation of contracting authority to the Superintendent, as presented.
2. Do not approve the allocation of \$75,000 for engineering services in support of FY 26 DEED grant applications and the delegation of contracting authority to the Superintendent, as presented.
3. Take no action.

STRATEGIC PLAN/BOARD GOAL:

The administration recommends the Board approve the allocation of \$75,000 for engineering services in support of FY 26 DEED grant applications and the delegation of contracting authority to the Superintendent, as presented.