

HAYS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: August 24, 2026

Agenda Item: J.4b

Board Goal: Safety & Security

Subject: Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of digital mapping platform – GeoComm School Safety

Administrator Responsible/Position: Jeri Skrocki, Chief Safety and Security Officer

A. Purpose of Agenda Item:

☒ Action needed ☐ Information only ☐ Receive input

B. Authority for This Action:

☒ Local Policy: CH – Purchasing & Acquisition ☐ Law or Rule: ☐ N/A

C. Goal or Need Addressed: The goal of this project is to implement a comprehensive, districtwide GIS-based mapping solution that provides accurate, current, and actionable facility information to Hays CISD personnel and emergency first responders. Rapid district growth, facility modifications, and reliance on labor-intensive static mapping have created a need for a more efficient and sustainable system for maintaining and sharing critical campus information. Implementation of GeoComm will improve situational awareness, emergency response times, first responder coordination, facility management, and district operational efficiency by providing secure access to detailed campus maps and critical life-safety assets. The system will establish a centralized source of facility information that can be updated as district facilities change and immediately shared with authorized personnel. Ultimately, the project addresses the district's need to replace outdated manual mapping processes, strengthen emergency preparedness, maximize personnel efficiency, and provide first responders with timely information necessary to make life-saving decisions during critical incidents.

D. Summary:

☐ Previous board action relating to this item: N/A

☐ Future action anticipated: N/A

☒ **Background information:** Hays CISD continues to experience significant growth in student enrollment, facilities, and infrastructure. New construction, campus additions, renovations, portable buildings, and changes to existing spaces require the district to continually update campus maps and life-safety information. The district currently relies heavily on static maps and manual processes that require considerable staff time to create, revise, layer, distribute, and maintain. As facilities change, this process creates challenges in ensuring that district personnel and emergency first responders consistently have access to the most current information.

Campus mapping is critical to both daily operations and emergency preparedness. During a critical incident, law enforcement, fire, EMS, emergency management personnel, and district staff must be able to quickly identify buildings, rooms, entrances, evacuation routes, emergency equipment, utilities, and other critical infrastructure. Delays in locating an incident or determining the appropriate access point can directly affect the efficiency of an emergency response.

To address these challenges, the district evaluated available mapping technologies capable of providing a centralized, scalable, and sustainable solution. GeoComm School Safety provides GIS-based indoor mapping with the ability to identify and manage critical life-safety assets, support multiple district departments, and integrate facility information with public safety and emergency response systems.

Implementation of the platform would transition Hays CISD from labor-intensive static mapping to a dynamic digital environment, improving the accuracy, accessibility, and timely sharing of critical facility information while supporting the district's continued growth and comprehensive safety and security program.

E. Comments Received:

☒ Cabinet ☐ DLT ☐ FBOC ☐ Teacher Org. Reps. ☐ Other:

F. Administrative Recommendation:

Advantages and benefits of this proposal:

Expected results in terms of student benefit/achievement:

Effect of this action on other parts of the system:

Consequences of not approving this recommendation:

G. Fiscal Impact and Cost: \$111,911

☐ Budget ☒ 2023 Bond ☒ Grant/Special Funds: Safe Schools

☐ Budget Amendment Needed

Prior Year Spending for this item/service: N/A

Bid / Contract Information:

Reasons for rejecting alternatives:

Future/Ongoing:

H. Monitoring and Reporting Time Line:

Person responsible for evaluating this decision or action: Jeri Skrocki

Evaluation method and timeline:

Next report to the Board:

I. Suggested Motion:

I move that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the purchase and implementation of the GeoComm School Safety mapping platform, for an amount not to exceed \$111,911, in accordance with the specifications presented.