

TO: Dr. Kim Hiel, Superintendent
FROM: John Morstad, Executive Director of Finance and Operations
Jeff Arthurs, Director of Facilities Operations
SUBJECT: Bid Award – Birch Grove School for the Arts
DATE: 8/25/2026

Recommendation We recommend that the school board award the contract for the renovation of Birch Grove School for the Arts to Ebert Companies, the low responsive and responsible bidder, in the amount of \$2,107,300.00. It is recommended that the board accept the base bid of \$1,833,000.00 and all three alternates:

1. Alternate 1: \$21,500.00 for hallway tile replacement
2. Alternate 2: \$84,300.00 for Black Box theatrical lighting updates
3. Alternate 3: \$168,500.00 for Gym/Stage theatrical lighting upgrades

The bid opening was conducted on August 11, 2026, and there were eight bidders. Wold Architects & Engineers, project designer and owner representative, has reviewed that bids and recommends that the board accept the Ebert Companies bid. Please see the attached award memo and bid tabulation.

Background In close cooperation with the Birch Grove administrative team, Wold has designed a renovation to Birch Grove that meets the design principles of the Building a Better Future program, including media center renovations, flex classrooms, outdoor classroom, and renovations and improvements to magnet spaces.

Next Steps Upon approval by the school board, administration will draft a contract for the board representative to sign. Wold will work with Ebert Companies to prepare materials submittal documents and develop a construction schedule. The project will be fully underway in the spring of 2027, and the substantial completion will be in August of 2027.