



## SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: September 21, 2026

Agenda Section: Consent

Agenda Item Title: Head Start Protect|ED, Healthy Schools Made Possible

From: Dr. Jennifer Gutierrez

Additional Presenters if Applicable: Ms. Iris N. Zepeda

Description: Protect|ED is an initiative dedicated to enhancing indoor air quality (IAQ) across educational environments by deploying advanced air disinfection solutions, specifically WellAir's medical-grade purification systems such as the Novaerus Protect 900W. These air purifiers eradicate airborne viruses, bacteria, mold spores, pollen, allergens, odors, and volatile organic compounds (VOCs).

While South San Antonio ISD maintains a district average daily attendance target of 94%, our Head Start students consistently fall below this benchmark. With the installation of these air purifying systems, our goal is to directly combat student absenteeism, support focus and cognitive performance, and safeguard overall student and staff health.

Historical Data: Monitoring attendance patterns and establishing early-warning indicators remain central to the ongoing efforts of the Head Start Enrollment, Recruitment, Eligibility, Selection, and Attendance Coordinator. Additionally, our Family Service Facilitators play an essential role in managing attendance outreach and tracking attendance dips, which are primarily driven by student illness such as flu, respiratory viruses, and stomach bugs. For the 2025–2026 school year, the average monthly Head Start attendance was 92.3%, averaging 93.6% during the Fall Semester (Aug–Dec 2025) and dropping to 91.0% in the Spring Semester (Jan–May 2026).

Recommendation: SSAISD recommends that the Board of Managers approve the purchase and installation of Protect|ED air purifiers across all 18 Head Start classrooms. This medical-grade air disinfection technology will actively neutralize airborne pathogens and reduce illness-related absences, directly supporting student health and ensuring a safe, high-quality learning environment that fosters consistent daily attendance for our youngest learners.

Purchasing Director and Approval Date:

Funding Budget Code and Amount: 205- Head Start funds \$43,120.00

Goals: SSAISD will engage all students with a high-quality, research-based curriculum to achieve academic growth and excellence.

# ESTIMATE

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**Estimate details**

Estimate no.: 2330  
Estimate date: 09/02/2026  
Expiration date: 09/11/2026

| Product or service            | Description                   | Qty | Rate       | Amount      |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----|------------|-------------|
| WellAir Novaerus Protect 900W | WellAir Novaerus Protect 900W | 16  | \$2,695.00 | \$43,120.00 |
| WellAir Novaerus Protect 900W | WellAir Novaerus Protect 900W | 2   | \$0.00     | \$0.00      |

**Total** **\$43,120.00**

**Note to customer**

Items are non-returnable, non-refundable  
Protect|ED is an Awarded Vendor through TIPS Contract 251003.

Expiry date 09/11/2026

Accepted date Accepted by