



September 28, 2026

To: Dr. Josh Swanson
From: Business Office
Re: Accept Bids for Prairie View Chiller Replacement

The Business Office requests approval to accept bids for the chiller replacement project at Prairie View Elementary. The district has partnered with Hallberg Engineering as the Project Manager to ensure the most competitive pricing.

The district received four bids for this project, ranging from \$281,000 to \$405,000. Following a thorough review of the bid package, we recommend awarding this project to RJ Mechanical Inc with a base bid of \$281,000.

The mechanical systems at Prairie View Elementary were last updated in 2006. In 2020 the chiller was struck by lightning, causing a circuit board failure. While the parts were replaced and preventative maintenance has extended its useful life, the equipment has now surpassed its repairable limit, with declining efficiency and sourcing of replacement parts becoming extremely difficult and costly.

This project focuses on replacing the existing chiller unit with an energy-efficient unit designed to support the cooling needs of the building. The project will ensure long-term reliability of critical infrastructure, improve the indoor air quality for students, staff, and visitors and reduce utility and maintenance costs to operate our HVAC equipment.

Project costs will be funded through the district's Long-Term Facilities Maintenance (LTFM) program. This bid is within the budget allocated; work is scheduled to begin in December 2026 and be completed by April 2027.