
Approval to Authorize Benjamin Middle School Abatement Project

Background:

Benjamin Middle School's Phase III classroom and hallway renovations are scheduled to begin this summer. As reviewed in the April 8, 2025 Finance and Facility Committee Meeting, classroom and hallway areas of the Middle School tested positive for asbestos-containing material within the flooring adhesive. We are required to use a qualified asbestos removal company to remove, or abate, these materials before the flooring is replaced. In order to not delay the flooring project this summer, we need to first schedule the asbestos abatement in early June.

Administrative Considerations:

We have obtained a detailed remediation plan [*Attached*] from Midwest Environmental Consultants and the bid opening for the abatement project is Friday, April 11. Following the bid opening, the cost estimates will be reviewed and summarized. We will then update the Board packet with a recommendation for action at the April 14, 2025 regular Board of Education meeting.

One of three recommendations may follow:

1. If bid results provide a favorable outcome... Present the Board with a recommendation to award the contract.
2. If the bid results are incomplete or have unanswered details... Present the Board with a recommendation to authorize Mr. Langton and Dr. Filas to award a tentative contract not to exceed \$xxxx.xx. This would allow a company to begin planning and scheduling. A final contract would then be presented to the Board at the regular May 12, 2025, Board of Education meeting.
3. If the bid results are prohibitively high... withdraw the request for Board action and modify the scope of the summer flooring project.

Recommendation:

Pending the April 11 bid opening