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To: The Board of Education and Dr. Patrick Broncato, Superintendent  
From: Curt Saindon, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services/CSBO  
Kyle Hansen, Director of Buildings and Grounds  
Date: December 12, 2025  
Subject: Recommendation for Inclined Wheelchair Lift for Meadowview School

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Last month, we provided information about potentially installing an inclined wheelchair lift at the West end of Meadowview School. Kyle Hansen has provided the information requested to several wheelchair lift installers (a 70-inch, straight rise would be needed, with a locking platform and a fold-down seat that meets all safety and accessibility requirements). He invited them to come and inspect the site, and then provide confidential price quotes to install a lift that would meet our general specs and requirements. As this was a new project to us, and fairly specialized in nature, based on the location and characteristics of the installation site, we did not have a firm idea of the cost. However, based on a wheelchair lift that I had installed at a former school district I worked at several years ago, I was fairly confident that the cost would exceed \$25K, and I therefore set the estimated cost at \$25K to \$50K. This would then allow us to obtain confidential price quotes and not have to formally bid out this project (required if a project is expected to be over \$50K).

Kyle was able to obtain three price quotes from Lifeway Mobility (for \$45,381), Garaventa Lift (\$44,524), and Access Systems (\$27,234). Ameriglide, Mobility Works, and Ascension declined to provide price quotes. The lift in question could potentially be used for any K-6 grade student, visitor, or staff, if needed, and it would have to meet all OSHA Safety Regulations and ADA Accessibility Requirements. Based on follow-up conversations with each contractor, as well as site visits completed by each company, Kyle believes that all three lifts can meet our general requirements. Therefore, we would like to recommend using Access Systems of Roselle, IL, at an estimated cost of \$27,234. We would also recommend including a 10% contingency allowance (\$2,723), bringing the total estimated cost of the project to \$29,957. If you have any questions, please let us know. Thank you.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

*It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board approve contracting with Access Systems of Roselle, IL to install an inclined wheelchair lift at Meadowview School, as discussed previously and explained above, at a cost of \$27,234, with a 10% contingency allowance of \$2,723, bringing the total estimated cost of the project to \$29,957. Funding for this project would come out of the Capital Projects Fund or Operations and Maintenance Fund, as needed.*

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