



May 22, 2023

To: Dr. Josh Swanson
From: Business Office
Re: Reject Bids for Eden Prairie High School Restroom Remodel

The authorization to accept bids is typically requested by management to begin the process to make deferred maintenance upgrades and space usage updates. This project would have been to renovate two existing student restrooms at Eden Prairie High School. Low bid for this project was provided by Action Construction in the amount of \$690,000.00.

The existing restrooms, located on the first floor of Eden Prairie High School, have seen an increase in prohibited actions by students like vandalism, vaping, and smoking. The project will remove the existing male/female restrooms to create twelve private restroom facilities with common handwash stations meeting both ADA and City code requirements. The ability to seek bids would allow timely development of project specifications and plans to solicit bids from contractors.

Unfortunately, this project has become far more expensive than originally budgeted for within the long-term facility maintenance plan. In talking with some of the contractors that submitted bids, there are a couple of factors that drove this cost up. First, the timing of this project over the summer when contractors are busy and already have work lined up have added extra labor costs. Second, there were some materials specified in the request that were much more expensive than we estimated. It is the recommendation of the Business Office to reject all bids so we can go back to the drawing board and look at revising our specifications and project timeline. We would also benefit by adding this project into a larger scope of work in the future at Eden Prairie High School.