



Board of Education

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Fred Cadena, Director of Facilities and Grounds
DATE: February 26, 2026
RE: Bid Recommendations for Fire Alarm Upgrades at Currier and Wegner Elementary Schools

This memo is:

- Information only.
- Information with a recommendation and a request for Board consent.
- Information with a recommendation and a request for Board approval by vote.

Date by which a Board decision is needed: **03/19/2026**

Previous memos on this topic can be found:

- in previous Board packet(s) dated. _____
- or attached to this memo

Basic information:	
As part of the 2026 Summer Facility Capital Improvement Plan, the District will be upgrading the fire alarm systems at Currier School and Wegner School .	
The Administration respectfully requests that the Board of Education approve the bid recommendations as submitted by Arcon for the Summer 2026 Capital Improvement Projects.	
Background or historical information:	
On Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., three (3) sealed bids were publicly opened and read for the Fire Alarm System Upgrades at Currier and Wegner Elementary Schools. The lowest qualified bidder is Pace Systems, Inc., with a Base Bid amount of \$620,173.76.	
Contractor	Base Bid
Austin Electric	\$970,000.00
PACE SYSTEMS	\$620,173.76
Proposed Electric	\$1,050,000.00
Previous decisions, actions or parameters that relate to this topic or issue:	

Recommendations:
The Administration recommends that the Board of Education award the contract to the above-referenced bidder in the base bid amount listed. A copy of the Bid Tabulation Summary Sheet is attached for the Board's review.
Other questions? What else does the Board wish to know?



February 25, 2026

Mrs. Karen Apostoli
Director of Business & Operations
West Chicago Elementary School District No. 33
312 East Forest Avenue
West Chicago, Illinois 60185

RE: **BID RECOMMENDATIONS
FIRE ALARM SYSTEM UPGRADES
AT CURRIER AND WEGNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
PROJECT NO. 25158**

Dear Mrs. Apostoli:

On Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 11:00 A.M. three (3) sealed bids were publicly opened and read for the Fire Alarm System Upgrades at Currier and Wegner Elementary Schools. The low qualified bidder is Pace Systems, Inc. in the Base Bid amount of \$620,173.76

We have contacted Pace Systems, Inc. and they have confirmed their bid. The project requirements were reviewed, and Pace Systems, Inc. demonstrated an understanding of the scope of work and project timeline. Pace Systems, Inc. has performed and completed numerous similar projects.

Therefore, ARCON Associates, Inc. recommends that the Board of Education, West Chicago Elementary School District 33 award the contract for the Fire Alarm System Upgrades at Currier and Wegner Elementary Schools project to Pace Systems, Inc. in the Base Bid amount of \$620,173.76

Attached is the Bid Tabulation Summary sheet for your review. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
ARCON Associates, Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig E. Podalak".

Craig E. Podalak
Architect

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Project: FIRE ALARM SYSTEM UPGRADES AT
 CURRIER AND WEGNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
 Owner: West Chicago Elementary School District No. 33
 Project No.: 25158
 Bid Date/Time: Tuesday, February 17, 2026 @11:00 AM



CONTRACTOR	BID BOND	ADDENDUM	BASE BID TOTAL
1 Austin Electric	x	x	\$970,000.00
2 PACE Systems	x	x	\$620,173.76
3 Prospect Electric	x	x	\$1,050,000.00
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