



# Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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**TO: Dr. Carol Kelley, Superintendent of Schools**  
**FROM: Michael Arensdorff, Senior Director of Technology**  
**RE: Beye & Whittier Renovation AV Bid**  
**DATE: January 26, 2021**

## **Summary of Beye & Whittier Audio Visual Bid for Summer 2021 Project**

As part of the planning process for the addition and renovations at Beye and Whittier Elementary Schools, District 97 staff have worked with its architects, STR Partners, STR Partners technical consultant (CS2), Bulley and Andrews and our district attorney to construct the audiovisual design plans and request for proposal (RFP). Through this process we have discussed classroom learning spaces, instructional practices, audio in learning spaces, lighting for learning spaces and visual displays.

From the design we released an RFP bid on Wednesday, January 6, which included the announcement being posted in the paper and bid packets disseminated via email to interested parties, including a list of vendors already compiled by the district. The bid packets were provided to 14 vendors. The bid window closed on Wednesday, January 20. At that time, William Bracket held a bid opening on January 20, at 4:30 PM. I was unable to attend the virtual bid opening due to the special board meeting on January 20, 2021. During the bid opening we had three vendors submit bids to complete the work for all AV needs defined in the RFP. Following the bid opening, District 97 staff reviewed all proposals. As the RFP was designed, we sought multiple options and size monitors, which then required us to create multiple options for the proposals. From that we identified three different options that were provided and compared with like options for all three vendors. We identified one option that would meet the project goals for the instructional learning space and budget and provide similar learning opportunities as the previous projects. For this option it was identified that the low bidder was Midwest Computer Products at \$26,295 and all items met the RFP requirements for the units decided upon for the different learning spaces. The second lowest bidder was Pulse Technologies that came in at \$29,050.83 and Tierney's proposal was \$31,549.57 [Attached is the spreadsheet](#) of the bid summary for the three vendors. The recommendation is to move forward with the Midwest Computer Products proposal, which is well within the budgeted numbers Jeanne Keane and Bulley and Andrews have identified.

Administration will be seeking board approval of the Summer Work Bids on February 9, 2021.