
Board of Education

INFORMATION

TITLE: Current Proposals, Bids and Renewal

DATE: March 9, 2020

RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR: Charles Warren, CFO

VISION 2023 STRATEGY: Strategy 2. Equity

BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:

The following is information related to current bids and proposals. Award status may be pending agreement on final pricing and contract.

1. Graduation Products

Requested by: Mr. Marty Mahan, Assistant Superintendent

Selection Method: Request for Proposal

Funding Source: Operating Funds

Award: Jostens (from Russellville)

Bid Count: Three (one from Fort Smith, one from Russellville, and one from Little Rock)

Additional Information: The vendor will provide access to diplomas, diploma covers, caps, gowns and various graduation supplies. The District will purchase diplomas and diploma covers. Parents and students will purchase caps, gowns and various graduation supplies. The vendor is new to the District, but is well established in the graduation services and products industry.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an information item. No recommendation is required.

VISION 2023 STRATEGIES - **1. Career Planning:** Develop and implement education and career pathways so that each student graduates with a viable plan and relevant skill set for his or her future. **2. Equity:** Develop and implement a system-wide plan to provide all students with the resources they need to optimize their learning. **3. Instruction:** Design, develop and implement programs to promote rigor, relevance, collaboration, critical- thinking skills and learning environments designed to meet each student's unique needs and aspirations. **4. Learning Environment/Facilities:** Align resources, facilities and technology strategically and equitably across the district to maximize security and enhance the learning environment. **5. Staffing:** Recruit and retain highly-qualified faculty, staff and administration. **6. Technology:** Provide appropriate technology that is consistently available, effectively supported and equitably distributed for group and individual instruction. **7. Wellness:** Develop and train empathetic and nurturing employees to be sensitive to and supportive of the needs of all children and families.