



Board Meeting Date: 1/24/2023

Title: Order from the City of Edina – Ash Tree Removal at Highlands Elementary

Type: Discussion

Presenter(s): Mert Woodard, Director, Business Services; Eric Hamilton, Director, Buildings & Grounds; Cara Rieckenberg, Principal, Highlands Elementary

Description: On December 29, 2022, the City of Edina issued the District an official order to cut down and properly dispose of 30 ash trees at Highlands Elementary identified by the City Forestry Department as infected with Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). There are approximately 106 ash trees on the Highlands premises with the 30 identified by the City for removal being the most highly infected. Per the City, the remaining trees should either be treated or removed. The City's recommendation is for removal.

The order stipulates that the 30 trees that were marked must be removed by February 28, 2023.

Recommendation: Discuss the City's order to remove ash trees from the Highlands Elementary premises.

Desired Outcomes from the Board: Provide the District administration with guidance and direction regarding the option to either remove the trees not currently marked by the City for removal or to treat them.

Attachments:

1. City of Edina Order to Remove Ash Trees