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To: The Board of Education and Dr. Patrick Broncato, Superintendent
From: Curt Saindon, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services/CSBO
Date: October 24, 2025
Subject: DAC and JJH Signage Upgrade Discussion

We currently have electronic signs at two of our buildings, the District Administrative Center and Jefferson Junior High. The DAC electronic sign board is about 10 years old and the JJH electronic sign board is about 15 years old. The lighting, color, and graphics on the signboards, as well as the technology used to program them, are very old and out of date (when these boards were installed, LED lighting was a brand-new technology and was not even available in signboards). We are having trouble getting parts for the boards and are looking to upgrade these signs as part of the school district's ongoing Capital Improvement Plan.

With new LED lighting technology and advanced programming and graphics capabilities, we can now get a full color sign with advanced graphics capabilities and streamlined programming software through Olympik Signs out of Lombard. They provided our original signage and are the biggest and best-known electronic sign company in the Chicagoland area. The actual brick (at JJH) and stone (at DAC) monument signs are still in very good shape, and we would just be looking to have Olympik remove the old "guts" of each sign and install new "guts" that would be programmable, full color, LED sign boards with advanced graphic capabilities.

Per the attached proposals, Olympik would propose redoing the two-sided monument sign at DAC for \$33,344 and the two-sided monument sign at JJH for \$42,648 (it is slightly larger than the DAC sign). These projects are considered technology-related. They are for the repair, renovation and/or upgrade of an existing asset, so they don't need to be bid out, but given their individual cost (over \$25K each), we wanted to bring them to the Board for discussion (in October) and then approval (in November), if the Board feels these are worthwhile and affordable projects to undertake. We do have some funds allocated for signage upgrades as part of the current Capital Improvement Plan, but the overall cost of these two projects exceeds that budgeted amount. We would, therefore, propose using available funds from other projects that have come in under budget to cover the difference. Finally, we are also in the process of seeing if we can potentially install similar (but maybe a little bit smaller) signs at our elementary schools. The old lighting and technology did not allow for this, but the new LED lighting has much less bleedover and glare into neighboring homes, and we can also program the signs to turn off during overnight hours, if needed. If we do find that this is an option



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(replacing our old manual signs with new LED signs), we would get cost proposals and bring them to the Board at a later time for consideration. Let me know if you have any questions...thank you!