



REQUEST TO BID

Date: June 24, 2024

To: Faribault Public Schools School Board
Jamie Bente, Superintendent of Schools

From: Scott Gerdes, Director of Finance and Operations

RE: Bruce Smith Field Stadium Lighting

In late May, it was determined that one of the six light poles suffered an electrical surge, possibly lightning, which ruined all but one of the fixtures on that pole. In total, there are 70 fixtures between all six poles with 11 fixtures on the pole that was damaged. As we evaluate the solution for this issue, several items come into play, one of which is that the type of light in the stadium, which is almost 40 years old, is expensive and hard to come by. Second is the color of the lighting would be inconsistent from pole to pole whether we repaired the fixture with the old type of lighting or with new LED lighting. Third, the Minnesota State Legislature passed a bill that would prohibit the sale of the metal halide lighting after January 1, 2025. Based on these three concerns, we propose that we replace the fixtures on all six poles, seventy in total, with new LED stadium lights. Therefore, we are requesting permission to complete this project using the Minnesota State Joint Community Purchasing program that will allow us better pricing and faster lead times for these fixtures. The estimated turn key cost for this project is between 190,000 and 220,000 dollars less about a 15,000 rebate from Xcel Energy. This will be paid for from LTFM categorical aid. Thank you for your consideration.