



## BOARD MEETING MEMORANDUM

**Board Meeting Date:** May 19, 2026

**From:** Maria Treto-French, Assistant Superintendent/CFO/CSBO

**Re:** Approval to Add Playground Shade Structure at Oakland, WC Petty, and Hillcrest Elementary Schools

**Attachment** Elementary Schools Shade Structure- Team Reil - AntiochCCSD#34.1of2  
Elementary Schools Shade Structure- Team Reil - AntiochCCSD#34.2of2

**Agenda Location:** Consideration to Approve: Action Items

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### **Rationale:**

Our students spend a lot of time outside during recess and P.E., especially in the warmer months. On hot, sunny days, the playground can get hot, and students can experience dehydration and heat-related illness. Younger students don't always recognize when they need a break or more water, so having shaded areas gives them a safer place to cool down and regroup. Currently, Mary Kay McNeill is the only building that has a structural shade. Some of the elementary schools have natural shade, while others don't. Adding shade structures helps make sure all students, no matter which school they attend, have the same level of comfort and protection when they're outside.

When it's too hot or there's no relief from the sun, students are less likely to fully participate in play. Shade makes outdoor time more comfortable, which keeps kids active, supports their social development, and can even create opportunities for teachers to use outdoor spaces for learning.

Adding shade is a practical way to address a real need we see across our schools. It supports student well-being, reduces potential safety concerns, and shows we are thinking ahead about how to best use and protect our facilities. Installing shade structures at all elementary playgrounds is a simple but important step to make our outdoor spaces safer, more comfortable, and more consistent for all students.

### **Recommendation/Motion:**

Administration recommends that the Board approve Team REIL of Marengo, Illinois, as the vendor for shade structures at Hillcrest, Oakland, and WC Petty elementary school playgrounds. The total cost of this project will be funded through the Operations and Maintenance Fund for an amount not to exceed \$39,949.90.