



Gregory-Portland Independent School District

BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: DR. MICHELLE CAVAZOS

FROM: CHRIS CASAREZ

CC: BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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PENNY ARMSTRONG
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DATE: Monday August 25, 2025

SUBJECT: Discuss and Take Possible Action on CSP # 2425-03 Construction
Experiential Learning at three (3) Elementary Campuses (Exterior)

PRIORITIES:

PRIORITY 1: EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT PERFORMANCE

- 1.1 Annually increase performance in reading for all students and all student groups
- 1.2 Annually increase performance in math for all students and all student groups
- 1.3 Annually increase performance in College; Career; and Military Readiness for all students and all student groups
- 1.4 Annually increase student engagement for all students and all student groups
- 1.5 Annually increase the percentage of students who feel safe at school

PRIORITY 2: HIGH PERFORMING AND ENGAGED WORKFORCE

N/A

PRIORITY 3: QUALITY SERVICE AND IMPACTFUL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 3.1 Annually increase the percentage of student satisfaction

PRIORITY 4: EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE DISTRICT AND CAMPUS OPERATIONS

- 4.3 Ensure Strategic Alignment of Resources
- 4.4 Annually improve safety and security

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The following project is part of the approved BOND 2023 package listed as Hands-On Learning Experiences at Four (4) Elementary Campuses. The district acquired Pfluger Architects to provide professional architectural services for this project and AGCM as the Construction Manager.

G-PISD's elementary schools for this request consist of four (4) schools. The schools are East Cliff Elementary, Stephen F. Austin Elementary, WC Andrews Elementary, and TM Clark Elementary. T.M. Clark will take place adjacent with the New construction of the school. The Interior portion of the projects at each campus should be complete at the time of the Board meeting. The interior portion was released in advance, to gain time while the exterior was still being developed. The total area for the outdoor experiential learning spaces in square footage varies for each school.

GPISD has contracted with Exhibit Concepts to provide turnkey design and construction/installation services to deliver experiential learning at multiple campuses. The District has budgeted approximately \$2M in other funds for support projects related to this program. These projects are intended to facilitate the installation of the exhibits and any supporting construction required, such as:

New concrete flatwork and landscaping at SF Austin, East Cliff, and WC Andrews. An outdoor classroom will be constructed from an Avadek canopy system to allow outdoor learning in a shaded environment. Additionally, the new landscaping for East Cliff and WC Andrews will have lines added utilizing existing irrigation, while new irrigation will be added at SF Austin to service the new landscaping installation.

The Proposals were received on August 21st, and the committee met the same day to review, evaluate, score, and decide on a proposed recommendation based on the following criteria:

- (50 Pts.) Proposed Construction Contract Amount.
- (20 Pts.) References, Financial Sufficiency.
- (20 Pts.) Experience on Performing Similar Projects.
- (10 Pts.) Proposed Construction Schedule.

The committee reviewing the proposal was:

Dr. Ismael Gonzalez III, Assistant Superintendent

Michael Thieme, Executive Director for Safety & Operations

Alton Alexander, Construction Manager

Lee Roy Gonzalez, Maintenance Director

Chris Casarez, Purchasing Coordinator

Amos Byinton AG/CM- Non-Scoring Member

Chris Reyes AG/CM- Non-Scoring Member

RECOMMENDATION:

The committee recommends that the School Board accept _____ for the amount not to exceed of: _____

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Overall Budget provided by the is \$1,000,000

BOARD RELATED POLICY:

CH (LEGAL)

CV (LEGAL)

ACTION ITEM SUGGESTED MOTION (if applicable):

That the Board accept Administration's recommendation to approve contractor

_____ with a not to exceed cost of _____ regarding CSP#

2425-03 Construction Services Experiential Learning at three (3) Elementary Campuses (Exterior).