



Date: October 13, 2025

To: Andrea Oquist, Superintendent

From: William Green, Assistant Superintendent of Operations and District Services

Re: Purchase of PA and Classroom Audio

I would like to discuss the bid for our district wide public address and classroom sound system upgrades at the next Committee of the Whole meeting on October 13, 2025.

Background

The current PA and Classroom Audio systems, CareHawk and TeachLogic, will be replaced with Audio Enhancement's EPIC platform. This modern solution integrates PA, classroom audio, intercom, emergency alerting, and bell scheduling into a single, fully networked system. The benefits of this new system include wireless microphones for teachers to ensure clearer and evenly distributed audio in classrooms, centralized control for paging, announcements, and emergency notifications, and seamless communication between classrooms, front offices, and district administrators.

Our existing system is over ten years old and classified as a "legacy life safety system." The EPIC platform offers improved reliability, instant communications across all levels of the district, enhanced audio clarity, advanced safety features, and future expandability for integrations with security cameras and door access and alarm systems. The system we are recommending has run successfully this past year at the Early Childhood Center.

Recommendation

After reviewing proposals and evaluating past performance, administration recommends awarding the project to VSC, Novi, Michigan, in the amount of \$4,141,312, which includes a contingency amount of \$200,000. While VSC was not the low bidder, the other bid did not fall within the basis of design. The district has partnered with VSC on previous bond projects and has been very satisfied with the quality of their work, attention to detail, and adherence to project timelines. This project will be funded through the 2021 bond and represents a key step forward in modernizing our district's communication and safety infrastructure.

Please include this item on the agenda. Thank you.

Attachments

c: Board of Education

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