



ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

MEETING DATE: June 15th, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: Consider Approval of Aledo High School Kitchen HVAC Upgrades

PRESENTER: Caleb Bell, Chief Facilities and Construction Officer

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- For several years the district has experienced persistent elevated temperatures in the Aledo High School kitchen and serving line, especially during August and September, with certain areas unable to be cooled below 85 °F despite normal system operation.
- In 2024 professional assessment AISD engaged EMA Engineering & Consulting (in partnership with Complete System Balance) to perform a full HVAC study that included comprehensive airflow measurements at all diffusers, equipment inspections through the building automation system, and direct field observations.
- Like-for-like replacement would not solve the problem: Simply replacing existing equipment would perpetuate temperature, ventilation, and negative pressure issues while missing the opportunity to right-size the system. Low-cost fixes (\$15k) to balance the system were evaluated but are insufficient given the condition of the RTUs and the need for code-compliant ventilation in a production kitchen.
- We have revisited the EMA proposals and engaged the consultant to lead the improvement phase; preliminary construction estimates are now available, and additional site assessments are pending final approval to support detailed design and implementation.
- Recommended solution is the prudent long-term investment: The proposed scope delivers a properly sized, code-compliant system with conditioned make-up air that supports current operations and future needs. Potential issues have been identified through engineering review before equipment was purchased, avoiding a repeat of the same operational problems.
- Under normal circumstances the final bid price would be brought to the Board for approval. We won't meet again for business until late July, assuring this project does not get completed prior to school starting.
- If approved the project will meet competitive procurement standards, purchasing co-op, JOC, or CSP.

FISCAL INFORMATION:

The project will be funded out of Bond Interest and will not exceed \$410,000 without additional board approval.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

Administration requests approval of do not exceed amount of \$410,000