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TO: BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

DATE: May 10, 2004

**ACTION: REQUEST TO SEEK PROPOSALS FROM PURCHASING
COOPERATIVE VENDORS AS THE METHOD OF DELIVERY FOR
TWO CHILLERS AT HERITAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Heritage Elementary has two chillers that are both approximately twenty years old. One unit is completely down and reported by Maintenance as having crushed tubes that are not able to be repaired. Chiller units take five to six weeks to build after the order is received. In an effort to keep the cooling system operating efficiently at Heritage and to assure that the system is fully functional when school begins in August, the Maintenance Department has recommended replacing both units. In order to assure the necessity of the second unit, an independent review of the units is being recommended. We will provide information regarding the company and cost for the independent review at the Board meeting. The need to purchase new units will be determined by the independent review, but authorization is sought tonight so that we can proceed as soon as possible if replacement is warranted.

Because of the time it takes to construct and install the units, purchasing through an interlocal purchasing cooperative provides us a faster and less expensive way to complete the project. In an effort to ensure that this is the best value for the District, quotes were sought from the attached vendors. The Trane Company, a coop vendor, provided the lowest price for the best equipment, therefore providing the best value for the District. If approved, this project will be funded as a renovation cost from the 2000 bond funds.

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The administration recommends that the Board of School Trustees authorize the chiller replacement purchase from Trane Company for \$58,500 per unit, contingent upon an independent review confirming the need for replacement and the number of units to be purchased for Heritage Elementary.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Kern,
Director of Purchasing