



**Background:** Over the course of the past several years, the district has made great strides in helping students to better grasp the Four C's: Communication, Collaboration, Creativity, and Critical Thinking. Likewise, the district has implemented a robust Strategic Blueprint to ensure that each student becomes an inspired learner. One of our Strategic Blueprint goals seeks to improve our learning environments: *We will provide flexible learning environments that promote purposeful collaboration and a balanced educational approach to create inspired 21st century learners.* The specific action step that supports this goal is: *Seek community input and develop a plan for constructing modern library space at both schools that will support our mission to create a community of inspired learners.*

To that end, the district has spent the better part of the 2018-19 school year investigating the feasibility of updating our library spaces. To accomplish this goal, the District convened a group called L!BRARY 2.0 Task Force to investigate the possibility of updating our library spaces. The Task Force was made up of parents, students, teachers, administrators, and the district architect. This group met five times over a 10-week period with the intent of learning about modern learning spaces and making recommendations to the Board of Education.

The L!BRARY 2.0 Task Force started their work by learning about modern learning environments and how school libraries are used by today's students. At the first meeting, the committee developed a list of "This we believe..." statements that would guide their work. Some of these statements included:

- Libraries are collaborative spaces.
- Libraries should contain book collections.
- Libraries should be comfortable, welcoming, and safe.
- Libraries should be able to support multiple activities at once.
- Libraries should be flexible enough to support 100 students at a time.
- Libraries should be inspiring spaces where students choose to be.
- The library should be the learning hub of the school.

With these belief statements in mind, the L!BRARY 2.0 committee designed updated library spaces and communicated their work to the larger community through a district newsletter and a town hall meeting.

**Process/Recommendation:**

As the district engaged in this work we drafted the below timeline.



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As you can see from the above graphic the district is on schedule with this project. Over the course of the last month the district has engaged our district architects to develop a bid package. On April 1 at 3:30 PM the district hosted a pre-bid meeting where potential bidders were able to ask questions about the project and tour our facilities. The bid opening occurred on April 11 at 4:30 PM. After careful review of the bidders the district recommends to engage FBG Corporation as the lowest responsible bidder to complete the updating of our elementary school and middle school libraries for \$1,628,000.

Attached you will find a memo submitted from Mike Henderson (district architect) that outlines the scope of the work.