

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT

The District President recommends the Board of Trustees approve additional funds to purchase science lab supplies and equipment from Carolina Biological Supply Co, Frey Scientific, Flinn Scientific Inc, and Fisher Scientific for the science department.

BACKGROUND

Vendors on this contract currently provide supplies and equipment used in lab exercises across all-natural science disciplines. Items purchased from these vendors range from refrigerators and incubators to common lab consumables such as dissection specimens, microbiological media, and different chemicals.

Reference number (REF) 3033 was issued to track the volume of spend on science lab equipment and supplies. Carolina Biological Supply Co, Frey Scientific, Flinn Scientific Inc have a contract through the BuyBoard cooperative contracts program, Contract Number 573-18, and Fisher Scientific, OMNIA Partners contract number C15-JL-12 to provide science lab equipment and supplies. Both contracts comply with the competitive procurement requirements outlined in Section 44.031 of the Texas Education Code, as permitted under Section 791.011 of the Texas Government Code.

IMPACT OF THIS ACTION

The additional funding will provide science lab supplies and equipment to support lab start-up programs at the Farmersville and Celina campuses.

BUDGET INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY STAFFING IMPLICATIONS)

The Board has approved a total spend authorization of \$400,000. This purchasing request is for spend authorization of an additional \$200,000, which is budgeted in the Science Department's FY21 operating budget and 2017 CIP FF&E budgets.

MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE

The contract term is September 1, 2020, through August 31, 2021.

RESOURCE PERSONNEL

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