

### **ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT**

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

### **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 (REF) Number 3033 was issued to track the volume of spend for 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 be used to provide science lab supplies and equipment to support lab start-up programs at the Celina Campus. The District will utilize these vendors more than anticipated due to delivery and customer service issues with another vendor.

### **BUDGET INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY STAFFING IMPLICATIONS)**

The Board has approved a total spend authorization of \$600,000. This purchasing request is for spend authorization for an additional \$400,000, 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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