

BOARD of EDUCATION Fort Smith Public Schools



ACTION

TITLE: Competitive Bid – New Threshold (**Policy DJC, First Reading**)

DATE: August 7, 2017

RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR: Charles Warren, CFO

BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:

Act 1124 of 2017 changed the minimum amount that requires school districts to solicit bids from \$10,000 to \$20,000. This act became effective August 1, 2017.

Fort Smith School District policy DJC can be amended to reflect this new threshold. The change is listed below:

“Any item valued at ~~\$10,000~~ \$20,000 or more shall be presented to prospective suppliers as a request for competitive bid. When it is believed to be advantageous to the School District, the Supervisor of Purchasing may request competitive bids for goods and services less than ~~\$10,000~~ \$20,000.”

Any aggregate of items that could be supplied by a single vendor that has a total value of ~~\$10,000~~ \$20,000 or more shall be presented for competitive bid. The Supervisor of Purchasing may elect to award bids on an item-by-item basis or on a total bid, whichever is advantageous to the District.”

District procurement procedures will continue to follow state laws under §6-21-301 et seq.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration recommends that the Board amend District Policy DJC by striking \$10,000 and substituting \$20,000.

If the Board agrees, the motion would read:

Move to amend for first reading District Policy DJC by striking references to the amount of “\$10,000” and replacing the stricken amount of \$10,000 with “\$20,000”.