

To: Board of Education

From: Margo Empen, Superintendent

Subject: Action Item – Approve the Health Life Safety Door Bid Contract for DHS – November 19, 2025

PROPOSED MOTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

That the Board approves the Health Life Safety door bid for DHS, as presented.

Moved by _____; Seconded by _____

YEA	NAY	YEA	NAY
_____ David Fritts	_____	_____ Kathleen Schaefer	_____
_____ Melissa Gates	_____	_____ Jon Wadsworth	_____
_____ Linda LeBlanc-Parks	_____	_____ Linda Wegner	_____
_____ Brandon Rogers	_____		

Recommendation:

In accordance with board of Education Policy 4:150 Facility Management and Building Programs a designee of the Superintendent shall facilitate compliance with the 10-year safety survey process required by School Code. The local school board, guided by The Local Government Professional Services Section Act Section 50 ILCS 510/0.01, is required to hire a licensed design professional to assist the district in correcting the violations using the school building code known as “Health/Life Safety Code for Public Schools,” Part 180.

In May 2025, the Board approved the 10-Year HLS Review conducted by Bray Architects and the District began the process of updating District facilities to compliance. In the summer of 2026, the plan calls for the completion of three areas of compliance:

- 1) Replacement of DHS Doors and Frames
- 2) Replacement of sections of the DHS roof
- 3) HVAC control upgrades across the District.

In October, the District conducted a contract bid for the replacement of the doors at DHS. These are designated on the 10-Year HLS Review as replacement of the door and hardware of room 133 & 134 and replace the doors and frame of door B03 with an estimated cost of \$39,600.

Below is a summary of the five bidding contractors.

Upon review of the submitted bids, ABS Chicago is the lowest qualified bidder. This work will be scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2026 and paid for using Health Life Safety funds.

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It is the recommendation of District Administration to approve the bid by ABS Chicago, as presented.

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