

**DU PAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 13  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Bloomington, Illinois**

Regular Meeting    March 23, 2020

**FOR ACTION**

**Subject:    Approval of Membership in the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance**

In the February 27<sup>th</sup> edition of the Thursday Letter, I shared information regarding Mr. Leyden's wish to join the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance. To recount, I shared this:

*Years ago, the District joined a purchasing cooperative with the City of Naperville that allowed the procurement of construction services that were publicly bid through the cooperative. This was beneficial to the District from a cost and time savings perspective and it adhered to the Illinois Procurement and Prevailing Wage Laws at the same time. Projects that District 13 engaged with savings reflected by the membership in the cooperative included interior door replacements, emergency air conditioner repairs, and pipe replacement.*

*The City of Naperville let the cooperative agreement expire and another group, the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA) is offering the same service. The NCPA follows the same process which allows members to receive purchasing discounts from vendors the District currently uses. The membership is free, but requires approval from the Board of Education.*

It is the recommendation of the administration to approve membership in the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance. Mr. Leyden will be present at the meeting and will entertain any of your questions

**Recommendation:** The Board approve the membership in the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance.