

Denton Independent School District

Air Purifier & Accessories Purchase

January 11, 2022

SUMMARY:

This item requests approval of the quote from School Health Corporation in the amount of \$824,318.00 for the purchase of air purifiers and accessories.

BOARD GOAL:

Growth & Management – Demonstrate effective and efficient management of district resources

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

None

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On November 4, 2021, the TEA announced and released the 2021-2022 COVID-19 School Health Support Grant Program and application. Members from Health Services, Financial Operations, and Maintenance and Operations met to discuss the best use of funds within the allowable federal guidelines.

Grant Allowable Activities and Use of Funds:

- PPE (including but not limited to masks, gloves, gowns, & face shields);
- Hygiene and cleaning supplies;
- Portable high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) fan/filtration systems or other small items that may allow for improved air circulation;
- Public health events that include students and other community members and are aimed at providing opportunities for increased detection and prevention of COVID-19;
- Vaccine promotion events and communications;
- COVID-19 testing-test kits, turn-key testing services, and related support services;
- Costs to obtain a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) Certificate of Waiver;
- Partial funding for staff who will be conducting grant-related duties for screening testing or COVID prevention programs that are outside of the staff's regular duties; and
- Other allowable uses pre-approved by TEA grant program office

The focus of items to purchase through this grant are contact tracing support, extra-duty pay for nurses to perform COVID testing, the purchase of PPE, and portable HEPA filter devices for campuses. Both the extra-duty pay for Covid testing and contact tracing support are currently being funded by the ESSER III grant. The 2021-2022 COVID-19 School Health Support Grant submission was completed by Financial Services on December 7, 2021.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

The 2021-2022 COVID-19 School Health Support Grant award period ends on March 31, 2022. The short time frame and constraints relating to the distribution/use of materials requires a guarantee by vendors that the air purifiers are in stock and available to be delivered before March 2022. The purchase of the air purifiers and accessories will be from School Health Corporation through a Texas Local Governmental Purchasing Cooperative BuyBoard contract. This purchase is being brought for approval in accordance with the District's CH (local) policy.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

The cost will be borne through the 2021-2022 COVID-19 School Health Support Grant.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

The approval of this purchase will allow the District to order and have the air purifiers and accessories delivered and installed in the upcoming months.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the quote from School Health Corporation in the amount of \$824,318.00 for the purchase of air purifiers and accessories be approved.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Vicki Garcia, Executive Director of Financial Operations
Kathy Malmberg, Director of Health Services
Dianna Casper, Director of Purchasing

ATTACHMENTS:

None

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____