



Mechanical Equipment Pre-purchase Recommendation

Summer 2025 Construction

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I. **Background**

The district will soon be out to bid for the Summer 2025 renovation projects. The work at Geneva High School, Harrison Elementary, and Heartland Elementary will involve significant mechanical system replacements and improvements, including new chillers at all three locations.

II. **Summary**

In discussions with our engineers, trade contractors and the HVAC equipment vendor, our construction team identified a potential supply chain constraint. Estimated lead times for such equipment are currently as high as 40 weeks (about 9 months). If we follow our project bidding plan and award trade contracts at the December meeting, there is a high probability that we will not have the equipment in time to complete our projects for the 2025 school year.

Fortunately, the District can purchase the equipment directly from the manufacturer through a publicly bid joint purchasing contract. We have identified a contract that will allow for this purchase while maintaining compliance with Illinois procurement laws. The contract in question was competitively bid via the Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative. Final pricing is expected in the next week. Staff and District Engineers will confirm that the quotes are compliant with the terms of the purchasing contract and in line with current market trends.

III. **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board authorize the administration to issue a purchase order in the amount not to exceed \$1,100,000 to Johnson Controls Incorporated in care of Windy City Representatives, under the Sourcewell Purchasing Contract.