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MEMO

To: Board of Education

From: Anthony Cozzi *AC*

RE: Lincoln, Willard and Roosevelt Life Safety Work bid results

Date: January 19, 2023

Enclosed please find the results of the Life Safety Work for Lincoln, Willard and Roosevelt schools. In addition to the base bids for Lincoln and Willard, and two base bids for Roosevelt, there were a series of alternates. Due to lack of space on this page, I will only list the alternate that we are recommending for approval. The alternate is to replace Roosevelt base bid R-1 and utilize a reduced (and more economical) design to repair the water infiltration in the boiler area. That was listed as Alternative R-5. There were four contractors at the mandatory pre-bid walk through. Only three submitted bids. The results are as follows:

	<u>L-1</u> <u>Lincoln</u>	<u>W-1</u> <u>Willard</u>	<u>Alternative R-5</u> <u>Roosevelt</u>	<u>R-2</u> <u>Roosevelt</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Performance</u> <u>Bond</u>
D. Kersey Construction	\$412,700	\$17,000	\$289,000	\$15,000	\$733,700	incl. in total
Charpie Construction	385,000	20,000	325,000	25,000	\$755,000	\$400
Happ Builders.	452,000	17,000	306,000	13,000	\$788,000	\$8,600

Our estimate for the bid was \$506,548 and that was using the original R-1 design. Much like the previous two summers of construction bids, it is our opinion that the overages are solely due to the pandemic. Due to those overages, we recommend replacing R-1 with the R-5 alternative as shown above. With that combination, the apparent low bidder of the total bid with alternates was D. Kersey Construction.

D. Kersey Construction has never performed a project in the District before. However, D. Kersey is located in Northbrook and has performed a countless number of projects at other school districts throughout the metropolitan area. Our architect performed the required reference and credit checks and found no negative results. Therefore, our architect, Sven Dahlquist Architects recommends awarding the bid to the responsible low bidder, D. Kersey Construction for \$733,700, using Alternative R-5, which includes the cost of an \$11,000 performance bond.

Finally, there were three other alternates listed in the bid packet for potential room modification work to be performed at Lincoln School if the Board receives and approves a future recommendation for full-day kindergarten. If so, the contract with D. Kersey would include a change order for \$47,800 to perform those modifications during the summer 2023 construction timeframe.

Please call me with any questions or comments.

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