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**Approval to Authorize Benjamin Middle School Abatement Project**

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**Background:**

Benjamin Middle School's Phase IV classroom and hallway renovations are scheduled to begin this summer, and some areas in the classroom areas scheduled to be replaced tested positive for asbestos-containing material within the flooring adhesive. We are required to use a qualified asbestos removal company to remove or abate these materials before the flooring can be replaced. To avoid delaying the flooring project this summer, we need to schedule the asbestos abatement immediately after STEAM Camp ends in June.

**Administrative Considerations:**

We obtained a detailed remediation plan [*Attached*] from Midwest Environmental Consultants, and the bid opening for the abatement project was held on January 22, 2026. The lowest bid was submitted by Kinsale Contracting Group for **\$65,600**. The bid was \$14,000 lower than the next-lowest bid and includes demolition of the existing 2nd-floor casework. Our asbestos consultant, Midwest Environmental, has approved the company and is confident in its ability to perform the work. Additional project management fees, payable to Midwest Environmental, covering the testing and monitoring phase, will be **\$28,523**.

**Recommendation:**

The administration recommends awarding the contract for management of the Benjamin Middle School Asbestos Abatement Project to Midwest Environmental Consulting Services for \$28,523, and the contract for Asbestos Remediation and Casework Demolition to Kinsale Contracting Group for \$65,600.