

MEMORANDUM

TO: ELPS Board of Education, Dori Leyko, Superintendent

FROM: Lisa Allen, Director of Finance

SUBJECT: Action Item- Hot Water Storage Tanks

DATE: August 11, 2025

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Education award the bid for the replacement of the high school hot water storage tanks to **Hopkins Mechanical Services** in the amount of \$113,900.

Background:

The high school's existing hot water storage tanks are original to the building's previous boiler system. Recently, one of the large storage tanks developed a visible crack. Continued use poses a risk of leakage or complete failure, which could result in operational disruption and costly water damage.

When the high school's boilers were upgraded, the original tanks were retained, as they remained functional at the time. However, the newer boilers no longer require tanks of that size. Replacing the current tanks with smaller, more energy-efficient models will not only mitigate the immediate risk of failure but also enhance long-term operational efficiency and reduce energy consumption.

Below is a summary of the bids received for the removal and disposal of the existing tanks, along with the installation of new tanks, including connection to the building management system (BMS). All plans and specifications were provided to the bidders. Copies of each bid are attached for your review.

- **Gunthorpe Plumbing & Heating, Inc.** - original bid \$105,200, which did not meet the requirements of connection to BMS or any electrical work. They provided an updated bid of \$109,595.60, which did not meet the requirements.
- **Hopkins Mechanical Services, LLC** - \$113,900
- **John E. Green Company** - \$131,200.

If approved, the project will be funded out of the Sinking Fund.