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To: Coppel ISD Board of Trustees
From: Sid Grant
Date: April 14, 2015

cc: Dr. Mike Waldrip, Kelly Penny, Louis Macias, Larry Guerra, Joe McBride

Re: Coppel High School Turf Replacement

The existing turf at Buddy Echols Field is over seven years old and is nearing the end of its useful life. The track is also becoming very weathered and is in need of replacement. Glenn Engineering and Coppel ISD (including CHS athletic staff) developed specifications and solicited proposals for the turf and track replacement. These two items were budgeted, as well, in the 2013 bond program. The proposals also include replacing the asphalt with concrete around the entire track. Miscellaneous concrete replacement was also budgeted in the bond program in a separate category. If approved, this project will be completed over the summer of 2015 and will be completed in time for the start of fall practice.

Proposals meeting the specifications were received from two qualified, reputable turf providers including Hellas Construction, Inc. and Paragon Sports Constructors, LLC. The Purchasing Cooperative method as provided in the Texas Education Code 44.031 was used to obtain proposals from the two qualified vendors. These bids were solicited and received through our purchasing cooperative, TASB BuyBoard, contract #47615.

The turf will be replaced over the existing safety “e-layer.” As you may recall, when we replaced the high school turf in 2007, Leslie Field turf in 2012, and CMSN turf in 2014, we included an “e-layer” as part of the renovation. The e-layer is designed to help minimize the force of impact when students fall on the turf. Studies indicate that the inclusion of the “e-layer” may reduce injuries. The bids received include contingency dollars for any repairs that need to be made to the existing “e-layer.”

Proposals were received and evaluated on April 13, 2015 at 2:00pm. A proposal evaluation committee was comprised of:

- Robert Howman - Engineer with Glenn Engineering
- Louis Macias - Director of Facilities, CISD
- Larry Guerra - Director of Purchasing, CISD
- Sid Grant - Assistant Superintendent for Business and Support Services, CISD

After careful evaluation of the proposals, the committee was unanimous in its belief that the Hellas proposal would provide the best overall value to the school district. Additionally, Hellas was significantly less expensive than Paragon for the turf and track replacement at a cost of \$698,393.00, plus replacing the entire

asphalt perimeter around the track with concrete at a cost of \$121,880.00 for a total cost of \$820,273.00. This total cost includes \$50,000.00 in contingency dollars that will only be spent if absolutely necessary. A total of \$871,000 (including contingency) is available for this project (turf, track, and concrete) in the 2013 bond proceeds.

Hellas has been the leader in turf replacements for the area for many years, including the turf replacement at Buddy Echols Field in 2007, Leslie Field in 2012, and Coppell Middle School North in 2014. Our experience with Hellas has been excellent. Their level of service, timeliness, and warranty work has been exceptional.

The recommended turf is essentially the same as Coppell Middle School North, and is a newer generation and heavier grade than the existing turf at Buddy Echols Field.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Coppell ISD Board of Trustees approve Hellas Construction, Inc. as the contractor to complete the turf, track, and concrete replacement at Coppell High School's Buddy Echols Field for the sum of \$820,273.00.