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To: Coppell ISD Board of Trustees  
From: Sid Grant  
Date: June 2, 2014

cc: Dr. Jeff Turner, Kelly Penny, Larry Guerra, Louis Macias, John Crawford

**Re: Coppell Middle School North Turf Replacement**

As part of an Agreement with the City of Coppell to share in the use and the cost of replacing the grass with artificial turf at Coppell Middle School North, SHW Group architects, Glenn Engineering, and Coppell ISD developed specifications and solicited proposals for the turf replacement. Proposals meeting the specifications were received from two qualified, reputable turf providers including, Hellas Construction, Inc. and Paragon Sports Constructors, LLC. These bids were solicited and received through our purchasing cooperative through TASB BuyBoard.

As part of each bid, we asked each proposer to include in their base bid the price for the safety “e-layer” that lies beneath the turf. As you may recall when we replaced the high school turf in 2007 and Leslie Field in 2012, 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, as well as the recommendation below includes pricing for an “e-layer”.

The Purchasing Cooperative method as provided in the Texas Education Code 44.031 was used to obtain proposals from the two qualified vendors. All specifications were developed jointly by the SHW Group, Glenn Engineering, and Coppell ISD, with additional input provided from the City of Coppell.

Proposals were received and evaluated on May 20, 2014 at 2:00pm. A proposal evaluation committee was comprised of:

- Robert Howman - Engineer with Glenn Engineering
- Larry Guerra - Director of Purchasing, CISD
- John Crawford - Athletic Director, CISD
- Louis Macias - Director of Facilities, CISD
- Sid Grant - Ass't Superintendent for Business and Support Services, CISD

After careful evaluation of the proposals and negotiations with the vendor supplying the best value, the committee was unanimous in its belief that the Hellas proposal would provide the best overall value to the school district and to the city.

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

Upon substantial completion of the project, the City will reimburse one-half the cost of the cost of the turf replacement.

This field will lay out essentially identical to Leslie Field.

**RECOMMENDATION: That the Coppell ISD Board of Trustees approve Hellas Construction, Inc. as the contractor to complete the turf replacement at Coppell Middle School North for the sum of \$1,249,000.**