

Livonia Public Schools

Finance Office

Date: March 3, 2020

To: Andrea Oquist, Superintendent

From: Alison Smith, Director of Finance

Re: Public Address Systems and Classroom Sound Amplification

Back in March 2014, the Board of Education approved the recommendation from the district's Technology Designer, Barton Malow Company, to appoint Sound Engineering as the contractor for the public address and classroom soundfield system from the 2013 bond for a total amount of \$2,614,881. To date, the district has paid out \$2,213,744.71 related to this project, leaving a remaining balance of \$401,136.29.

Before Sound Engineering could complete this work at the Niji-Iro Elementary School, the company closed. With the closure of Sound Engineering, Digital Age Technologies, Inc. became the only authorized distributor of CareHawk Safety Communication products, which is the brand installed in the rest of the buildings across the district.

Digital Age Technologies, Inc. has done work for the district most recently with our elementary schools' community room technology. It is the district's recommendation that the Board of Education approve a change order to appoint Digital Age Technologies, Inc. as the contractor for the public address and classroom soundfield system at Niji-Iro Elementary. The Board authorized amount for the public address and classroom soundfield system project remains the same i.e., we are not requesting any additional funds, but we are requesting a change in vendors.

I would like to bring this item for discussion at the March 16, 2020 Building & Site Committee meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions.

AS/kp

c: Board of Education