



Livonia Public Schools

Facilities and Operations

To: Phillip Francis, Director of Operations

From: Harry C. Lau, Administrator of Facilities and Operations

Date: 26 October 2021

Re: Recommendation to Purchase Four Grasshopper 900D Zero Turn Lawn Cutters

I am recommending and seeking approval to purchase Four Grasshopper 900D Zero Turn lawn cutters from J&R Tractor in Monroe, MI. The unit price of each is \$19,150.00 and will be through the T.I.P.S. purchasing consortium. The total cost of four Grasshopper 900D lawn cutters is \$76,600.00.

The newer Grasshoppers that the grounds crew currently use will be moved to the three high schools to replace the mowers that the high schools have. In turn, the Grasshoppers that will be taken from the high schools will be sent to auction. This purchase will be from the 2021 Bond.

The last purchase of Grasshoppers 900D was made in 2016. The Grounds Crew Grasshoppers will go to Churchill H.S. Franklin H.S. and Stevenson H.S. The high school Grasshoppers are over 15 years old and have a high number of hours on them.

Grasshopper 900D \$19,150.00 x 4 = \$76,600.00

Rationale: The oldest four Grasshoppers in our fleet are over 15 years and need to be replaced. The Grasshopper 900D is a durable zero turn that will give LPS a detailed cut on our 600 acres of land.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

cc: Karen Oaks
Sharon Scott