



Diamond Lake School District 76

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April 17, 2026

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Chris Thibadeau
SUBJECT: Lawn and Grounds Maintenance Services

The District currently has an outsourced contract for lawn and grounds maintenance with Apex Landscaping. With the current contract expiring on June 30, 2026, the District issued a Request for Bid (RFB) for lawn and grounds maintenance services on February 27, 2026. The scope of services involves the weekly mowing, weeding, trimming and edging all district facilities. Also included as an alternate of the bid is the quarterly fertilization of all grounds and seasonal decorative planter rotations. Bids were opened on April 2, 2026 and in total, seven companies' submitted bids: Langton Nursery, Apex Landscaping, Miliue, Countryside Industries, J.F.V landscaping, Diaz Group and Terranova.

The lowest responsible bid was from Countryside Industries at a total cost of \$44,310 per year. This includes the alternates for seasonal decorative planter rotations and fertilization. The District has previously partnered with Countryside and they have historically performed at a very high level in workmanship and customer service.

Recommendation

I recommend the Board of Education approve a one-year contract with Countryside Industries as the lawn and grounds contractor from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 at a total cost of \$44,310 per year.