

Agenda Item Title: Audio Enhancement Classroom Systems Purchase from Beacon Technologies

Board Meeting Date: April 28, 2026

Department: Student Support Services

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Board Agenda Category:

Consent Agenda

Action Item

Reports and Information

Requires City Council Approval: Yes No

Summary

MCS is requesting approval to purchase classroom audio enhancement systems to support instructional access and translation services in Title I schools. Those schools include: Black Fox, Hobgood, Northfield, Scales, and central office. The proposal from Beacon Technologies includes 44 Audio Enhancement BEAM classroom audio units, microphones, and XD Clear Bridge systems. The purchase will be made through the TIPS cooperative purchasing contract.

Implementation of these systems will be aligned with Tennessee English-only instructional expectations. Translation-related supports can be used for parent trainings and as a temporary supplemental aid, when appropriate, to support access to instruction without replacing meaningful engagement with English language input.

Staff Recommendation: Approval of Audio Enhancement Classroom Systems Purchase from Beacon Technologies

Fiscal Impact

The total cost of the project is \$77,987.69 and will be funded through Title I federal funds.

Connection to MCS's Five-Year Strategic Plan

- Known:** Every student will be *known* through whole-child programs and support.
- Safe:** Every student will be *safe* through equitable access to buildings, facilities, and infrastructure that meets their needs.
- Challenged:** Every student will be *challenged* by learning from highly effective educators and employees.
- Empowered:** Every student will be *empowered* through academic success.