



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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**TO: Dr. Carol Kelley, Superintendent of Schools
Board of Education**

FROM: Jeanne Keane, Senior Director of Buildings & Grounds

SUBJECT: Whittier Boiler Replacement

DATE: April 13th, 2021

Summary

The existing two steam boilers located at Whittier Elementary were installed in the early 2000’s. Each are cast iron boilers manufactured by Weil- McClain Model 94 Series 3. These boilers are made up of several cast iron sections. There have been multiple leaks at the sealing rings between sections causing corrosion between these sections and allowing water loss. An intermediate section was replaced last winter and we now have additional leaks in other sections. The concrete boiler pads have severe cracks and have settled leading to additional shifting of the boiler sections. The boilers should be replaced as soon as possible in order to reduce the potential for an emergency situation where heat is not available to the facility and the school is shut down with potential loss of instruction.

An RFP for the project was placed in the Wednesday Journal on 3/3/2021. Eleven proposals for the above-captioned project were received at the District Office, 260 W Madison Street, Oak Park IL 60302, on Thursday March 18th, 2021 and publicly opened at 12:00 p.m. I have enclosed a copy of the Bid Tabulation Sheet summarizing the proposals received. The bid results were discussed with FAC on 3/22/2021 at 7:00 pm. FAC unanimously recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract for boiler replacement at Whittier Elementary School, to the lowest bidder who met all requirements, AMS Mechanical Systems, Inc.

Bid Recommendation

AMS Mechanical Systems, Inc. is the low-bidder meeting all requirements of the contract documents and bidding requirements at \$546,250. STR and CS2, our MEP consultant, performed due-diligence to check references, as well as verified the scope in their bid to be consistent with the contract documents.

AMS Mechanical Services, Inc., 9341 Adam Don Pkwy, Woodridge, IL 60517

Base Bid:	\$546,250.00 (includes \$65,000 allowance)
Total Recommendation.....	\$546,250.00

Administration will be seeking a motion that the Board of Education of Oak Park District 97 approve the Whittier Boiler Replacement Project at the April 27th, 2021 meeting.