

HAYS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: April 27, 2026

Agenda Item: K.4d

Board Goal: N/A

Subject: Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of Mobile Bus Radios – Lower Colorado River Authority

Administrator Responsible/Position: Jeri Skrocki, Chief Safety & Security Officer

A. Purpose of Agenda Item:

Action needed Information only Receive input

B. Authority for This Action:

Local Policy: Law or Rule N/A
CH – Purchasing and Acquisition

C. Goal or Need Addressed: Replace outdated and end-of-life mobile bus radios

D. Summary:

Previous board action relating to this item:

Future action anticipated:

Background information: The district's current 900 MHz radio system is considered outdated and is being phased out, with replacement parts becoming increasingly difficult to obtain. In anticipation of these challenges, the district proactively secured grant funding to begin transitioning to modern 700 MHz radio technology. All newly purchased buses will be equipped with this updated system moving forward. This project includes retrofitting 60 existing fleet buses with the new technology. To maximize fiscal responsibility, district personnel will perform the installations in-house, resulting in substantial cost savings while enhancing the reliability and sustainability of our transportation communications infrastructure.

E. Comments Received:

Cabinet DLT FBOC Teacher Org. Reps. Other:

F. Administrative Recommendation: Administration recommends approval of the purchase request.

Advantages and benefits of this proposal: This purchase ensures the district's transportation fleet is equipped with current 700 MHz radio technology, replacing outdated systems and improving overall communication reliability and long-term sustainability.

Expected results in terms of student benefit/achievement: This upgrade will provide reliable, uninterrupted communication between buses, campuses, dispatch, and first responders, directly enhancing student safety and emergency response effectiveness.

Effect of this action on other parts of the system: This action ensures full compatibility and seamless communication between newly deployed 700 MHz handheld radios and mobile radio units, creating a unified and efficient district-wide communication system.

Consequences of not approving this recommendation: Failure to approve this recommendation will result in continued reliance on unsupported and aging technology, increasing the risk of communication failures during critical incidents. Additionally, the district is legislatively required to maintain effective communication systems to support emergency response operations.

G. Fiscal Impact and Cost: \$218,310.00

Budget Bond Grant/Special Funds: Safe Cycle 2 Grant

Prior Year Spending for this item/service: \$7,532.00 spent on radios in the prior year.

Bid / Contract Information: Interlocal Agreement with Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA)

H. Monitoring and Reporting Time Line:

Person responsible for evaluating this decision or action: Jeri Skrocki

I. Suggested Motion:

I move that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the purchase of Harris mobile bus radios from LCRA for an amount not to exceed \$218,310.00, as presented.