

REPORT NAME: RFP 2026-14 – Playground Renovation (Bussey Center) Award Recommendation

REPORT OF: Business Office / Procurement

FOR: Information

APPLICABLE LAW AND/OR POLICY: MCL 380.1274 – Competitive Procurement

STRATEGIC GOAL ALIGNMENT: Safe and Supportive Learning Environments

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE ALIGNMENT: Maintain and improve district facilities to support student learning and safety

FISCAL FUND IMPACT: Head Start Grant - \$128,870
2020 Bond - \$150,455

IMPACT AMOUNT: \$279,325.00

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

Southfield Public Schools issued RFP 2026-14 – Playground Renovation (Bussey Center) for the demolition, site preparation, and installation of new playground equipment and surfacing.

Three proposals were received and formally evaluated by an evaluation committee using the criteria outlined in the RFP. Michigan Recreational Construction, Inc. achieved the highest overall evaluation score and was determined to be the most responsive and responsible bidder.

The current confirmed Head Start budget for this project is \$92,132 for equipment and \$36,738 for installation, totaling \$128,870. The balance of \$150,455 will be paid by the 2020 Bond Fund.

The recommended award amount of \$279,325.00 falls within the total potential budget, inclusive of carryover funds.

COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS:

Michigan Recreational Construction, Inc. provided the most complete and balanced proposal based on pricing, experience, and overall responsiveness. While not the lowest bidder, their proposal represents the best overall value to the District based on evaluation scoring and project readiness.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the award of RFP 2026-14 – Playground Renovation (Bussey Center) to Michigan Recreational Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$279,325.00.

In the event that Head Start carryover funds are not approved or are insufficient, any resulting funding shortfall will be covered through available Sinking Fund or 2020 Bond funds.

IMPACT IF NOT APPROVED:

If not approved, the Bussey playground will remain non-compliant and the District may be required to address safety and compliance issues at a later date, potentially at a higher cost and with further delays.

Additionally, the currently allocated Head Start funds totaling \$128,870 would be returned to the grantor.

NEXT STEPS IF APPROVED:

- Finalize contract documents
- Issue Purchase Order
- Coordinate project kickoff and scheduling
- Begin construction in alignment with project timeline