

**To:** Dr. Charles Johns  
Board of Education

**From:** Dr. Kim Ptak  
Dr. R.J. Gravel

**Date:** Monday, March 20, 2023

**Re:** Award of Bid for Batting Cages at GBS

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Education award the bids as presented in Table 1 for batting cages at Glenbrook South to be completed during the spring of 2023 for \$77,900.

**Table 1**  
**Lowest Bids Received by Trade**

<b>Trade</b>	<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Concrete	Eagle Concrete	\$34,850
Netting	National Sport Nets	\$28,050
Turf	Midwest Sport Turf	\$15,000

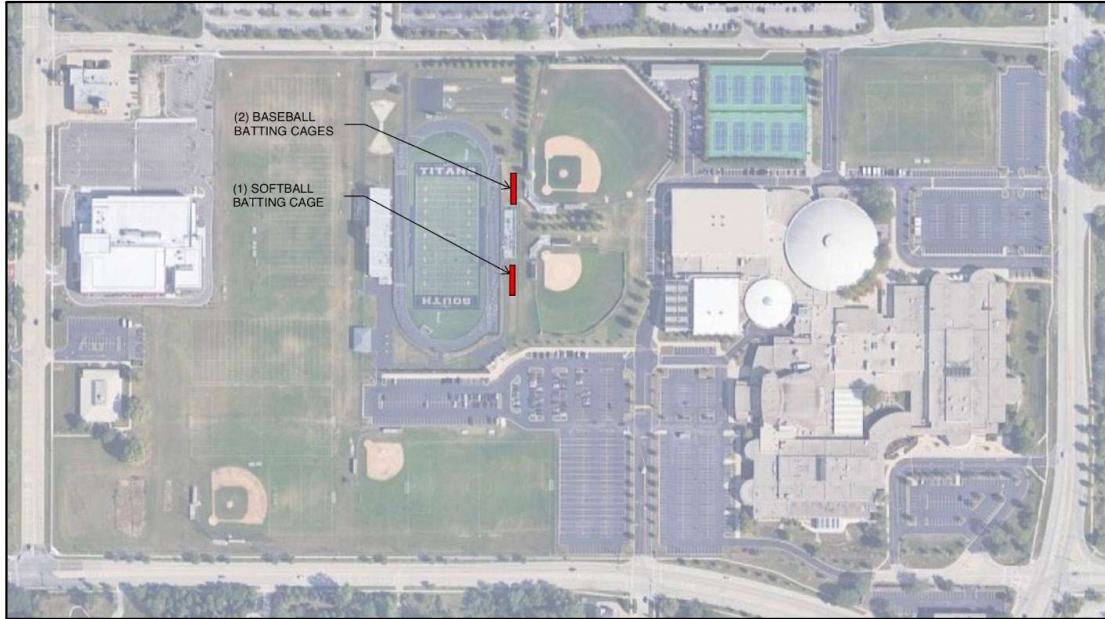
**Total Cost: \$77,900**

Bid specifications were made available to interested bidders on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 and bids were opened on Friday, March 17, 2023. Overall, bid results were \$7,100, or 8.3%, less than the original cost estimate.

**Background**

Glenbrook South has two baseball batting cages and one softball batting cage used by all of their baseball and softball teams. The existing cages were installed in the late 1980s. The poles are deteriorating and breaking away from the netting which is torn in several areas. Due to the seasonal freezing and thawing, the poles are also lifting from the ground. Image 1 shows the locations of the baseball and softball batting cages.

**Image 1: Baseball and Softball Batting Cage Locations**



After reviewing current and future needs, and repair opportunities, a total replacement is necessary. The proposed replacement cages will sit on a 3" concrete pad with artificial turf laid on top. This approach will limit the puddling of water and the collection of debris. An image illustrating the proposed replacement cages is inserted below.

**Image 2: Proposed Replacement Batting Cages for Glenbrook South**



The estimated cost to replace the three batting cages as described above is \$85,000. The project has been a priority for the Booster Club, softball and baseball parents and will therefore be funded primarily through fundraising dollars, and the 2022-23 school operating budget. The revenue sources are outlined in Table 1 below.

**Table 1**  
***Fundraising Sources***

<b>Fundraising Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Booster Club	\$25,000
Softball Discretionary Funds	\$15,000
Baseball Discretionary Funds	\$30,000
General Athletic Ticket Sales	\$10,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>

It is recommended that the project be bid and results be brought to the March 20, 2023 board meeting.