

To: Dr. Charles Johns Board of Education

From: Dr. Kim Ptak Ms. Lauren Bonner Mr. Casey Wright

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Re: Award of Bids for Security Enhancement Capital Projects for Summer 2022

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Education award the bids as presented in Table 1 for security enhancement projects to be completed during summer 2022 in the total amount of \$940,342.

Table 1 *Bid Summary*

| | Signage & Wayfinding | | Door Replacement & Locks | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| | Interior GBN | Exterior GBN / GBS | Door Replacement | Electronic Key FOBs | Total |
| Elevated Identity | | \$240,426 | | | \$240,426 |
| APCO | \$266,417 | | | | \$266,417 |
| Monarch Construction | | | \$374,000 | | \$374,000 |
| Anderson Lock | | | | \$89,500 | \$89,500 |

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Background

As part of the school district's ongoing safety and security initiatives, two projects were identified that are being implemented in phases:

- 1. Improving existing signage and wayfinding at Glenbrook North and Glenbrook South;
- 2. Replacing all malfunctioning doors throughout the district and installing electronic card readers.

Due to the scope and magnitude of these projects, it was determined that there would be a phased approach to completing this work.

Signage and Wayfinding

The first phase of addressing interior signage and wayfinding needs was completed last summer at Glenbrook South. The second and final phase of the project has been included in the 2021-22 budget. It includes addressing the interior signage and wayfinding needs at Glenbrook North and addressing the exterior signage needs at both campuses.

The primary goals of the signage and wayfinding project were to:

- Create an internal building numbering system that provides a logical flow;
- Develop a cohesive, aesthetically appropriate, and unified wayfinding system that will help individuals navigate effectively into and throughout the buildings;
- Utilize signage that is timeless in its aesthetic, works with existing architectural elements, and can be easily, and inexpensively, updated and maintained;
- Bring signage into compliance with building code, ADA, and life safety requirements;
- Use universal symbols on signage to help improve the wayfinding experience;
- Consolidate and name the exterior building entrances to better direct people into the building;
- Establish meaningful parking lot signage; and
- Create user-friendly exterior wayfinding to allow people entering the campus to find the appropriate parking lots, athletic fields and main entrances.

Similar to the process at Glenbrook South, the district partnered with Cardosi Kiper Design Group (CKDG). CKDG is a Chicago-based company specializing in signage and wayfinding for many educational and health organizations, including Northwestern Hospital, University of Chicago Medical Center, University of Notre Dame, Oakton Community College, and Evanston Township High School. CKDG worked with numerous stakeholders, including police, fire, administrators, teachers, and students, to assess all current signage, create a meaningful numbering system, identify logical areas for wayfinding, and review design concepts for signage.

Glenbrook North interior signage and wayfinding

Compared to Glenbrook South's original numbering system, Glenbrook North's current numbering system is much more intuitive. As a result, it will not need to change as significantly as the numbering at Glenbrook South did when it switched to a four-digit numbering system.

However, the following adjustments were recommended:

- Reduce from seven fire zones to six (red, blue, gray, green, purple, orange). See images 1 and 2;
- Maintain the current A100, B100, etc. numbering system but clean up numbering to maintain a sequential flow throughout the building;
- Design, purchase, and install new signage for all rooms in the building:
 - All signage will follow a consistent design, including typeface, size, and braille typography.
 - Signage will incorporate fire zone colors to enable the classification system to become part of the school's overall operations.
 - Each room will have an interior room identifier sign directly above the door identifying the room number and fire zone color.
 - (See images 3 and 3.1.)
- Implement meaningful wayfinding (directional) signage on the overheads above the fire doors in all main hallways. See images 4 and 4.1;
- Incorporate directional signage with "you are here" maps in critical locations. See image 5;
- Use the color of the corresponding fire zone on all exterior door signage (e.g., doors A VV); and
- Consolidate to four main entrances, Main Entrance/Main Parking Lot, North Entrance/North Parking Lot, Cafeteria Entrance/Cafeteria Parking Lot, Athletic Entrance/Athletic Parking Lot. See image 6.



Image 1.0 Existing Numbering System w/Seven Fire Zones - First Floor

Image 2

New Building Renumbering System w/Six Fire Zones - First Floor





Image 3 Interior Sign Type Overview

Image 3.1 Interior Sign Type Overview



Image 4 Interior Wayfinding



Image 4.1 Interior Wayfinding





Image 5 Directional Signage w/Maps

Image 6

Exterior Entrance Signage and Door Lettering



Glenbrook North and Glenbrook South Exterior Signage and Wayfinding

The recommendations for exterior signage and wayfinding at GBN and GBS are:

- All graphics should be coordinated to complement and enhance the overall campus. See images 7 and 7.1;
- Establish a consistent plan for identifying and directing visitors to the main parking lots and entrances by using the same naming scheme for an entrance and its respective parking lot;
- Use a combination of primary vehicular signs, secondary vehicular signs, pedestrian signs and parking lot signs. See images 8 and 8.1;
- Establish consistent looking signage and wayfinding aimed at directing visitors in an intuitive and user-friendly fashion;
- Exterior signage should be low maintenance and durable; and
- Drivers approaching campus and driving on campus should find the signage clear and easy to read and the signage should be properly located and flow until the user reaches their destination. (See images 9 and 9.1)

The exterior ground level signage will have steel supports that will be embedded into concrete pads. The cost of the concrete footings and installation are included in the cost of the contract. The only element not included is any landscaping that may be desired around the signs.

Image 7 Graphic and Color Standards



Image 7.1 Graphic and Color Standards



Image 8

Exterior Sign Types







Image 9 Location Placement Map





Image 9.1 Location Placement Map

Door Replacement Project

The door replacement and electronic lock projects were planned in three phases due to the scope and overall magnitude of the project.

The first phase of the project was completed during the 2019-20 school year and addressed all classrooms and offices. Because of the first phase, the district was successfully able to eliminate keys for all teachers, staff and general administrators.

The second phase of the project is to replace all the "Total Doors" throughout the building that require an electronic key fob. These doors are primarily at the entrances into large spaces such as the cafeterias, auditoriums, and athletic spaces. The Total Doors are original to the spaces and inconsistently close and lock successfully. Additionally, due to the integrated nature of the door, an electronic card reader is not compatible on these doors, requiring the custodial staff and building-level administrators to continue using physical keys. This project includes the replacement of all Total Doors at Glenbrook North and Glenbrook South that require electronic key fobs. Table 2 provides a count of the number of doors and openings being addressed.

| | GBN | GBS | Total |
|----------------|-----|-----|-------|
| Total Openings | 13 | 17 | 30 |
| Total Doors | 30 | 31 | 61 |

Table 2Phase 2 Number of Openings and Doors

The final phase of the project will be to replace all remaining doors throughout the building that are no longer functioning properly. Mr. Joel Reyes, Safety and Security Manager, will work with the Buildings and Grounds team to prepare a complete inventory of all remaining doors needing replacement. This will be presented at a future facility committee meeting for completion during the 2023-24 school year.