



College Station Independent School District

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mike Martindale, Superintendent *mt*

From: Amy Drozd, Chief Financial Officer *adrozd*

Date: December 8, 2021

Subject: Consideration for the purchase of portable high efficiency particulate air filtration machines and filters for classroom use

Agenda Item: J – 4.

BACKGROUND

The US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has allocated funds from the American Rescue Plan to states for the purpose of providing resources to implement COVID testing programs and to support and maintain in-person learning. Texas received these funds with the dollars flowing to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS). Texas then allocated a total of \$221 million to the Grants to Schools Program specifically for maintaining in-person learning with allowable for uses such as PPE, cleaning products, and portable ventilation equipment. DSHS partnered with the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to make these resources available to public and private K-12 systems in Texas.

CSISD applied for the full allocation amount of \$526,635 with the possibility of additional funds in January due to districts that did not apply.

It has been decided that the purchase of high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filtration machines will be the best use of these funds. HEPA filtration machines are recommended by the CDC and medical experts as an effective method of reducing the spread of COVID-19 and other illnesses such as the flu. The investment in HEPA filtration machines will be beneficial beyond the cycle of COVID-19. There are many varying machines on the market, so the district solicited the assistance of VLK Architects and Salas O'Brien Mechanical Engineering in comparing various products to determine the most efficient and cost-effective unit for the classrooms. The recommended unit was the Medify MA-50.

The district received quotes from 4 supplies for 2,000 classroom units and 1,500 filter replacements. The lowest bid was from Safeware, Inc. through the OMNIA Co-op contract in the amount of \$613,675. This exceeds the current allocation from the Grants to Schools by \$87,040.

It is the recommendation of Carmella Shafer, Director of Purchasing, and Jon Hall, Executive Director of Facilities, to purchase 2,000 of the Medify MA-50 units and 1,500 replacement filters from Safeware, Inc., through the OMNIA Co-op contract 4400008468/RFP#2000002547 in the amount of \$613,675.

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It is recommended that the Grants to School Funds be utilized first to fund the purchase with any remaining balance coming from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER II) Funds.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the College Station Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the purchase of 2,000 Medify MA-50 air purification units for classroom use and 1,500 replacement filters from Safeware, Inc., through the OMNI Co-op contract 4400008468/RFP#2000002547 in the amount of \$613,675 utilizing both Grants to Schools and ESSER II Funds.