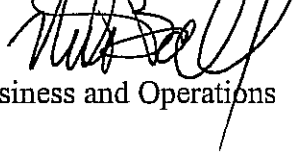




College Station Independent School District

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MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Eddie Coulson, Superintendent 

From: Mike Ball, Deputy Superintendent for Business and Operations

Date: September 12, 2006

Subject: Acquisition of a Portable Building and Associated Infrastructure
Items at Forest Ridge Elementary School

Agenda Item: K-4

Board Priority/
District Goal: Priority 3, Goal 4

BACKGROUND

Growth in student enrollment at Forest Ridge Elementary School has created a need for a portable building at that campus. Additional classroom space is needed in order to comply with the State mandated student to teacher ratio in those grade levels.

Portable buildings are available through the Texas Local Government Statewide Purchasing Cooperative (Buyboard) administered by TASB. The total cost of a building purchase would be \$55,305. The vendor providing leased buildings quotes a monthly lease payment for a 24 month lease of \$785.55.

After adjusting for the initial differences in up-front cash, the net present value of the lease payments at the District's current cost of funds (5.45%) is equivalent to the purchase cost at approximately four years. Assuming that the enrollment growth continues, the District is likely to need the building for at least three years. It would appear that the purchase of a building brings better value to the District.

Comark Building Systems has indicated that delivery of a building can be accomplished by November 1, 2006.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees of College Station Independent School District consider approval of the purchase of a portable building through the Buyboard from Comark Building Systems for a total cost of \$55,305.