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MEMORANDUM

To: Platte County R-3 Board of Education
From: Dr. Devin Doll – Executive Director of Operations
Subject: Platte Purchase Middle School Furniture Vendor Recommendation

December 15, 2022

Background

The construction project for Platte Purchase Middle School was created with an identified Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment (FF&E) budget. A Request For Proposal (RFP) was advertised and provided to potential vendors with the architect's layout for proposed furniture in identified spaces throughout the building. The base budget that vendors used for their proposal was \$500,000. The project budget for furniture will increase dependent on the Platte Purchase Tax Increment Financing (TIF) reimbursement proceeds. All vendors submitted a budget for furnishing all spaces identified by the architectural drawings. All budgeted amounts were over the base \$500,000 budget. Vendors were asked to provide an analysis of how they will get costs to our base budget amount. All vendors were then interviewed by a panel using the following criteria:

- Qualifications of company and experience in K-12 educational settings
- Process for meeting FF&E request for Platte Purchase Middle School
- Innovative design spaces to enhance the middle school learning experience
- Quality of products and services
- Process for procurement, installation, and cost-savings for the identified budget

Recommendation

It is our recommendation to select Freedom Interior Solutions, LLC as the furniture vendor for Platte Purchase Middle School to purchase furniture per their submitted bid not to exceed \$730,000 contingent on receiving TIF reimbursement proceeds. We will cap our purchase at \$500,000 until we receive confirmation of the TIF reimbursement proceeds.

After completing the interview process and formal reference checks, Freedom Interior Solutions was selected as our recommendation based on best value, innovative design, staff engagement process, quality of products and services, and procurement schedule.

Furniture quotations will be presented for Board consideration in February after selection of specific furniture items has been completed.

Please contact Dr. Devin Doll with any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Dr. Devin Doll / Executive Director of Operations