

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

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SUBJECT:

A3 Communications/Audio Enhancement

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

A3 Communications is the company that obtains and installs the Audio Enhancement systems. They are currently procured under state contract to provide AV products and services. Audio Enhancements is a fully integrated intercom, bell/public address system, mass notification, emergency alert, classroom audio/ camera and lesson capture solution. It also has the ability to integrate into any IP based, open platform access control and security camera system.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

Research shows improvement in student engagement and achievement with the use of this system. It is designed not to amplify the sound but simply make it far clearer to hear and understand the speaker. Also, ACPSD currently has several failing bell and intercom systems within the district. While our schools have wall panic buttons in each classroom, none of our schools have remote panic buttons. The cost for implementing the Audio Enhancement system for each classroom within the district is \$10,047,000.00. This will upgrade every classroom with a new speaker and remote panic buttons. As well as, each school with a new intercom and bell system. This will be paid primarily using \$8.25 million from ESSER 3 funds and supplementing the remaining balance with 8% Cyclic and 1% funds. The public has had the opportunity to provide input and ask questions in accordance with ESSER 3 requirements.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approve the purchase of the Audio Enhancement System.

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