

March 13, 2026

Dr. Clay Thiesinger
Superintendent
Putnam County Schools #535
400 E. Silverspoon
Granville, IL 61326

Re: Bid Results – PCS#535
High School RTU Replacement Summer 2026
(L&D #2025-201)

Dear Dr. Thiesinger:

The Putnam County School District received bids for the above referenced project at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2026. There were seven (7) bidders-of-record holding plans and two (2) official bid were received.

Larson & Darby Group reviewed the bid submittals of all the bidders that submitted bids for this project. We then vetted the bid from the lowest responsive bidder. Larson & Darby Group determined that the lowest responsive bidder met the bidding requirements for this project and can, therefore, be considered a complete and responsive bid.

The project includes a base bid scope of work that encompasses a variety of work items including the following: The replacement of a large rooftop unit, (RTU) and it's relocation to a new roof curb to allow for full access around the entire unit for regular maintenance, and the installation of several new VAV boxes and revised ductwork to serve a large portion of the NE section of the High School with increased temp & system controls. There were no alternates or unit prices. Please see the bid tabulation form that was previously sent to you for your reference.

We recommend that Putnam County Schools #535 accept the base bid from Chapman's Mechanical Systems, Inc. in the amount of **\$ 349,850.00**. This total bid amount does include within it a general contingency allowance in the amount of \$20,000.00. Chapman's Mechanical Systems, Inc. provided a complete and comprehensive bid submittal, including a 10% bid bond as bid security, positive references, and significant K-12 schoolwork in the past five (5) years, including at PCS535 High School just last year. Larson & Darby Group has worked with Chapman's Mechanical Services, Inc. in the past and we are very familiar with them.

If you have any questions or require additional clarification regarding the information included in this letter, please contact me at 815.601.3321 or via e-mail at snelson@larsondarby.com.

Sincerely,



Stephen Nelson, AIA, LEED® AP
CEO - Principal

c: Mr. Tracey Reska - Director of Facilities PCS#535
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