

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: September 28, 2026

NUMBER: 27-025

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approve Contract for
Construction – Secure
Vestibules

STRATEGIC PLAN/BOARD GOAL:

Goal 4: Support Systems
Strategy 3: Improve School Facilities

ABSTRACT:

Board approval is required for purchases that exceed \$50,000.

ISSUE:

At issue is approval of a contract for construction to Convergent Technologies, LLC for the Secure Vestibule Code Modifications project not to exceed \$600,000.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

The administration is requesting approval of a contract for construction to Convergent Technologies for work on the front entrances of all schools, except Selawik. Selawik's front vestibule is being addressed as part of the Davis-Ramoth Renovation Project.

Every school across the district has a door hardware system designed to keep intruders out of the building, specifically during school hours. The current configuration is not compliant with life safety codes as required by the State Fire Marshal.

Convergent Technologies was selected for this work because they are the contractor on the Districtwide Fire System Replacement, 6 sites project. One of the existing non-compliant issues, is the doors are not released by the fire alarm system. A competitive bid is not required for the secure vestibule work because they are a Sourcewell contractor, which means their services have already been publicly procured. The following schools may be addressed as part of that project if funding allows: Ambler, Buckland, June Nelson Elementary, Kotzebue Middle High School and Shungnak. Funding availability will not be known until the fire system project is further advanced. The remaining schools have no other project work scheduled; thus, this contract and funding is the only way for them to be resolved. These schools will be addressed first as it is determined if there is any available funding under the Fire System project.

District may apply to DEED for reimbursement for up to five years after project completion.

FUNDING SOURCE:

Capital Improvement Funds

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve a Contract for Construction to Convergent Technologies not to exceed \$600,000 for Secure Vestibule Code Modifications as presented;
2. Do not approve a Contract for Construction to Convergent Technologies not to exceed \$600,000 for Secure Vestibule Code Modifications as presented;
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends the Board Approve a Contract for Construction to Convergent Technologies not to exceed \$600,000 for Secure Vestibule Code Modifications as presented.

ATTACHMENT:

None