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*Superintendent of Schools*

To: RIMSD 41 Board of Education  
 From: Dr. Sharon Williams  
 Cabinet Champion: Annaka Whiting, Chief Financial Officer  
 Date: April 14, 2026  
 Re: Rock Island High School Athletic Fields Synthetic Turf Installation

The District sought sealed bids for the installation of synthetic turf at Rock Island High School athletic fields. Bids were received from three (3) contractors: one local contractor, Bush Sports Turf, and two out-of-state firms, Byrne & Jones Construction and Mid America Sports Construction. Mid America Sports Construction submitted their proposal using AstroTurf; however, the bid specifications specifically called for FieldTurf, and therefore their bid was not considered. The scope of work includes converting Rock Island High School’s baseball field, softball field, practice football field, and practice soccer fields from natural turf to synthetic turf. The project also includes the installation of a walking/running track around each of the three main campus fields, as well as an alternate for potential upgrades to the surrounding site and common areas.

Bidders were required to provide a cost breakdown for each area to allow for implementation over a potential 2–3 year period. The District will work collaboratively with the selected contractor to determine a phased construction approach that aligns with athletic seasons, facility needs, and overall cost efficiency. This phasing plan prioritizes minimizing disruptions while maximizing value to the District, with the understanding that the practice soccer field is addressed as a priority within the project schedule.

Company	Football Field	Baseball Field	Practice Soccer Field	Softball Field	Walking/Running Track	Alternate #1
<b>Bush Sports Turf</b>	\$1,025,100	\$2,261,610	\$986,700	\$932,975	\$258,725	\$443,900
<b>Byrne &amp; Jones</b>	\$871,400	\$2,301,200	\$914,000	\$828,800	\$333,600	\$661,200
<b>Mid America</b>	\$951,079	\$1,733,066	\$894,307	\$971,534	\$434,059	\$931,071

**It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Bush Sports Turf, PO Box 44 Milan, IL 61264 to complete the synthetic turf installation at Rock Island High School athletic fields as outlined above in the amount of \$5,909,010, plus 5% for contingency.**

**Investment Period: 2-3 year period beginning FY2027**  
**Total Investment: Approx. \$6,204,461**  
**Funding Source: Capital Projects Fund**

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