



**Meeting Date:** May 21, 2026

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**Title:** Deputy Superintendent

**Agenda Item:** Discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of metal detectors.

## DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of 4 metal detectors to support the safety and security of the district.

### **IMPACT/RATIONALE:**

The Judson ISD Safety and Security Committee propose that the Judson ISD purchase four metal detector units that can be used to support safety and security at Rutledge Stadium and at other locations for large community events. The units requested are portable and may be moved to any district to location to support security efforts. These units are not designed to be installed at our campuses nor used for daily purposes for district operations. The purpose of this item is to request funds from the Cycle 2 Safety and Facilities Enhancement (SAFE) Grant to support the purchase of metal detectors for the Judson Independent School District. The purchase of the metal detectors is an added later of safety and security for all guests, students, and staff that visit Judson ISD athletic stadiums, schools, and facilities. The items will be used for special events and not incorporated into the daily operations of our campuses. The Safety and Security Department reviewed a variety of vendors and types of metal detectors prior to making a recommendation to the Safety and Security Committee. The SAFE Grant will cover the costs of the 3 units, 16 batteries, 4 chargers, 4 support arms and plates, 8 handheld metal detector wands, and installation at a cost of \$83,399.00 from CEIA USA. From local funds a single unit will be purchased at the cost of \$23,427.00. This will provide the district with four portable units for the district. These units were specifically selected by the evaluation team based on the following factors: 1) High throughput of individuals estimated at 2,000-2,500 per hour 2) Best mobility - Versatile & Portable; Weighs less than 25lbs 3) Battery operated; No power outlets/cords needed 4) Easy to store 5) No license or software renewals; Free updates 6) National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Level 2 compliant meaning the ability to detect specific sizes of metal objects such as weapons or contraband while minimizing false alarms 7) Hands on training 8) Highly recommended and used by several school districts such as NEISD. The pricing for the units were provided through the district's BuyBoard contract, meeting procurement competitive bidding processes as described in Board Policy.

### **BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

**Approval/Disapproval**