



PUTNAM COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #535

Recommendation for the Board of Education

Meeting: March 18th, 2026

Item: Approval of Bid for PCHS RTU

Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Education approve the bid from Chapman's Mechanical Systems, Inc., to replace the HVAC unit serving the north hallway at PCHS for a total cost of \$349,850.00.

The Board of Education discussed this project in September 2025 and approved the release of bids in December 2025, at which time the estimate was \$286,400.00.

This unit was identified as a need due to the following:

- The unit is 22 years old and nearing the end of its life cycle. Its age makes it increasingly difficult to maintain, as replacement parts are hard to procure.
- The unit is located directly next to the stage roof of the auditorium, which complicates access for routine maintenance and repairs.

Updating this unit includes the following:

- Installing a replacement on a new curb positioned away from the stage roof for easier access and maintenance.
- Adding VAV (Variable Air Volume) boxes to improve temperature control in the classrooms and spaces served by this unit.
- Eliminating the need for rooftop water, reducing dependence on costly chemicals required for the older units.