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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: Control Replacements

The District initiated a multi-year plan in Spring 2025 to modernize and standardize HVAC control systems across all facilities, ensuring compatibility, efficiency, and centralized monitoring. As part of this effort, the District conducted a formal RFP process to evaluate a sole-source provider for a uniform controls system. BAsE2 was selected through this process as the District's controls contractor.

The largest portion of the controls update is at Rock Island High School; however, other areas throughout the District also require updates before larger projects begin to ensure the current systems remain operational. The scope of work includes:

- Addition of controls for Fitness Center RTUs – anticipated online late Summer/Fall 2026
- Replacement of Trane controls in the Administration area – priority Summer 2026
- Chiller controls – anticipated online Spring/Summer 2026
- Installation of three new JACE 9000 control units – anticipated online Summer 2026, permitting tie-in to HVAC work after the pool infill is complete
- Pool infill controls – anticipated online Summer/Fall 2026
- Band/Orchestra controls – anticipated online Summer 2027
- Kitchen freezer and cooler monitoring – Summer 2026

The project also includes provision of all required control wiring, software, licensing, and system graphics, along with full commissioning of equipment and the identification and reporting of any mechanical deficiencies. Additionally, it provides engineering submittals, as-built documentation, and owner training, as well as a 12-month warranty, ongoing support, and uninterruptible power supply (UPS) backup for all major controllers.

The total cost for the HVAC controls work is \$434,161. Securing this pricing now helps protect the District from potential cost escalation, particularly for components that will support future projects, including the Band and Orchestra upgrades scheduled for Summer 2027.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract with BAsE2 Group, 9909 W. Primrose Ln., Edwards, IL 61528, in the amount of \$434,161 for HVAC controls upgrades throughout the District.

**Investment Period:** N/A  
**Total Investment:** \$434,161  
**Funding Source:** 2025 Bond Proceeds