

Killeen Independent School District Board Agenda Item Action Sheet

Date: May 19, 2026

Agenda Item Caption: Consideration of the Palo Alto Middle School Renovation Project Architect Contract

Purpose of Agenda Item: Action needed

Administrative Recommendation: Move to approve the proposal with Huckabee Architects for the design of the Palo Alto Middle School Renovation Project and delegate authority to the Superintendent or designee to execute a Task Request.

Background Information: On October 28, 2025, the Board approved the closure of Palo Alto Middle School as part of the District's optimization plan. Staff advised the Board and community during the optimization process that the Palo Alto Middle School property was under consideration to serve as a future location for the Gateway Middle School and Gateway High School Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP), as the existing Gateway facility is 64 years old and utilizes 18 portable classrooms. A renovated Palo Alto Facility will provide additional classroom and office space which would all be located within the building envelope.

On April 28, 2026, the Board approved the selection of Huckabee Architects as the architect for the Palo Alto Middle School Renovation Project and Langerman Engineering as the geotechnical and materials testing engineer.

If approved, this project will relocate the existing Gateway Middle and High School program to the existing Palo Alto Middle School facility beginning in August 2026. Construction will occur while students are in the building but will be limited to spaces not utilized during the normal school days. The design, permitting and construction process for the project is planned to take approximately 12 months, with a targeted substantial completion date of May 28, 2027.

Fiscal Analysis: Huckabee's proposed fee for this project is \$193,000, which is within the project budget for design fees. The total budget for this project is \$2,029,500, which includes construction costs, design and permitting fees, furniture, equipment, and a project contingency allowance. This project will be funded using Strategic Facilities Plan funds.

Regulatory Requirements: Board Policy CV(LEGAL): Facilities Construction

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Signature Requested: Yes (Superintendent)