



East Lansing Board of Education

6160 Towar Ave, East Lansing, MI 48823

Regular Meeting
April 13, 2026 - 7:00 PM

Board Room
Agenda

I. **Opening of Meeting**

A. *Call to Order*

B. *Roll Call*

C. *Mission Statement: Nurturing Each Child, Educating All Students, Building World Citizens*

D. *Approval of Agenda*

Motion: I move that the Board of Education approve the agenda for the April 13, 2026 regular meeting, as presented.

E. *Approval of Minutes*

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Motion: I move that the Board of Education approve the March 9, 2026 regular meeting minutes, as presented.

I. **Opening of Meeting**

I.A. Call to Order

President Lyons called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

I.B. Roll Call

Chambers: Present, Edsall: Present, Faris-Hylen: Present, Lyons: Present, Martin: Present, Torrez: Present, Tykocki: Present.

Student Representatives Dijagah and Meghea: Absent

Superintendent Leyko: Present

I.C. Mission Statement: Nurturing Each Child, Educating All Students, Building World Citizens
Trustee Torrez read the mission statement.

I.D. Approval of Agenda

Motion: 25-26/094: I move that the Board of Education approve the March 9, 2026, regular meeting agenda, as presented.

This motion, made by Tykocki and seconded by Chambers, Passed.

Chambers: Aye, Edsall: Aye, Faris-Hylen: Aye, Lyons: Aye, Martin: Aye, Torrez: Aye, Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

I.E. Approval of Minutes

Motion: 25-26/095: I move that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the February 23, 2026, regular meeting, as presented.

This motion, made by Edsall and seconded by Torrez, Passed.

Chambers: Aye, Edsall: Aye, Faris-Hylen: Aye, Lyons: Aye, Martin: Aye, Torrez: Aye, Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

II. **Recognition**

- Marble welcomed Michigan Opera Theatre Outreach for Opera 101 and an all-school assembly performance on February 26. Fourth-grade students worked with teaching artists during music class to create their own versions of famous opera scenes. Thank you to the East Lansing Arts Commission for providing the cultural arts grant that made this experience possible. Special thanks to Carla Larzelere for completing the grant application, coordinating with Michigan Opera Outreach, and organizing the performance.

- Sami Tucker has launched the East Lansing Volleyball Club and created a volleyball league where teams can compete in a format similar to the Red Cedar Basketball League.
- East Lansing High School welcomed future Chinese educators from Beijing on February 26. The visit included a school tour, classroom observations, and a Q&A session with staff and students. Thank you to Steven Neal for helping facilitate the visit with Principal Ashley Schwarzbek.
- Glencairn Elementary School recently opened a clothing closet available to all elementary families. The fundraiser was organized by a group of K–5 volunteers and provides a place where students can shop and take home items they need. The group also donated nonperishable food items to Edgewood Village through the Glencairn Gives Back initiative.
- The MacDonald Middle School MathCounts team placed third as a team at the regional MathCounts Competition held at Michigan State University. The school's robotics team also competed in the state competition titled "*If It Works, It Works.*"
- Donley Elementary School Principal Tracey Barton would like to recognize Taryn Tucker for her dedication to promoting literacy and creating meaningful learning opportunities for students. She applied for Donley's second-grade cohort to participate in the "*Detroit Lions Tackle Reading Program*" at Ford Field. Students attended the literacy celebration, heard Brock Wright of the Detroit Lions read aloud, and participated in interactive activities designed to foster a love of reading.
- Athletic achievements include Talia Andrews of East Lansing High School, who earned the state championship in floor exercise in gymnastics, and KJ Tolbert, who was named Mr. Basketball of Michigan.

III. **Student Representative Report**

No report

IV. **Superintendent's Report**

Click [here](#) for Superintendent's Report

V. **Public Hearing**

Public Hearing opened at 7:14 pm.

V.A. Opening of Public Hearing

Recommendation of the Sex Education Advisory Board (SEAB) to approve the adoption of the revised 2025 Michigan Model HIV and other STIs unit to replace the 2010/2012 version for 7th and 8th grades.

V.B. Comments from Anne Scott, ELPS Sex Education Supervisor

Trustee Chambers expressed her appreciation to Anne Scott for dedication and hard work on the SEAB committee.

V.C. Public Comment

V.D. Close of Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 7:17 pm.

VI. **Public Comment**

This is the opportunity to address the Board. Speakers are to confine their remarks to five minutes. If a speaker requires more than five minutes, after all other persons who have requested to speak during this part of the meeting have spoken, that speaker will be allowed additional time. The Superintendent or other district staff may comment to clear up or avoid significant misunderstandings.

- Sarah Willson - Whitehills ASD program
- Forest Tate - Whitehills ASD program

VII. **Board Discussion**

Trustee Tykocki mentioned that Mean Girls at East Lansing High School is opening March 12th.

VIII. **Action Items**

VIII.A. **Seventh and Eighth Grade HIV/STI Education Curriculum Approval Recommendation**

Motion: 25-26/096: I move that the Board of Education approve the adoption of the revised 2025 Michigan Model HIV and Other STIs unit to replace the 2010/2012 version.

This motion, made by Edsall and seconded by Torrez, Passed.

Chambers: Aye, Edsall: Aye, Faris-Hylen: Aye, Lyons: Aye, Martin: Aye, Torrez: Aye, Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

VIII.B. **Award Bids for Safety, Security, and Accessibility Bond Bid Package #3- High School and Middle School Flooring, Doors, Frames, and Hardware Bid**

Motion: 25-26/097: I move that the Board of Education award the following bids related to the High School addition and Middle School update as follows:

Category 08A High School Doors, Frames, and Hardware	William Reichenbach Co	\$326,950
Category 08B Middle School Doors, Frames, and Hardware	Integrity Interiors Inc	\$238,392
Category 09B Middle School Flooring	Omega Floors	\$357,777
Total		\$923,119

This motion, made by Chambers and seconded by Edsall, Passed.

Chambers: Aye, Edsall: Aye, Faris-Hylen: Aye, Lyons: Aye, Martin: Aye, Torrez: Aye, Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

Trustee Edsall addressed that the flooring and door hardware at the middle school is much needed.

Trustee Martin clarified that this work will be completed before the start of next school year.

VIII.C. Award Bids for Safety, Security, and Accessibility Bond Bid Package #3 High School and Middle School Building/HVAC Controls Bid

Motion: 25-26/098: I move that the Board of Education award the following bids related to the High School addition and Middle School update as follows:

Category 23A High School Building/HVAC Controls-	Trane	\$1,119,948
Category 23B Middle School Building/HVAC Controls	Trane	\$ 680,032
Total		\$1,799,980

This motion, made by Edsall and seconded by Faris-Hylen, Passed.

Chambers: Aye, Edsall: Aye, Faris-Hylen: Aye, Lyons: Aye, Martin: Aye, Torrez: Aye, Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

IX. Committee Reports

IX.A. Academic and Technology Committee

- Received a Sex Education update from Anne Scott, Sex Education Supervisor.
- Elementary curriculum updates related to English Language Arts (ELA) were discussed.
- The next meeting will be held on April 6 in the HUB at East Lansing High School.
- Summer meetings will be held in the board room.

IX.B. Facilities Committee

- No report and will be scheduling a meeting soon

IX.C. Finance Committee

- Met on March 2 and discussed the following:
 - Chartwells contract renewal for 2026–27; a remaining balance of \$800 is available to spend down.
 - Section 27L(2) educator compensation and ongoing negotiations.
 - Preparation for the 2026–27 budget.
- The next meeting is scheduled for April 6.

IX.D. Intergovernmental Relations

- Meeting on March 10 at 11:00 am in the board room.

IX.E. Personnel Committee

- No report

IX.F. Policy Committee

- Did not meet; next meeting is April 6 at 10:30 in the board room.

IX.G. Ingham School Officers Association (ISOA)

- Legislative update from Jennifer Smith, MASB:
 - Governor released the proposed budget.
 - Discussed moving to weighted foundations to better support students with the greatest needs, along with a push for literacy, including the expectation that all ISDs will receive at least one additional literacy coach next year.
- Superintendent Leyko spoke about local superintendents working to build a strong network of middle school administrators.
- Jason Russell from Secure Environmental Consultants discussed creating a common language across schools when working with law enforcement.
- The updated education policy was presented.
- Neighboring district updates:
 - Lansing took a group of students to Washington, DC for a leadership conference.
 - Stockbridge sent their Robotics team to the Dominican Republic.
 - Dansville successfully refinanced a bond, saving \$2.4 million.
 - Holt is in the process of hiring a new superintendent and pursuing a millage renewal.
 - Williamston reported a 97% graduation rate.
 - Webberville's basketball team is performing strongly.
 - ISD students had a notable showing in culinary arts.
- The next meeting is scheduled for May 6, in person at Thorburn Education Center.

X. **Announcements**

X.A. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education is March 23, 2026.

X.B. Boys' basketball will play Ann Arbor Pioneer on Tuesday at Don Johnson Fieldhouse in the quarter finals. If they win, they will play in the semi finals at the Breslin on Friday at 2:00 pm.

XI. **Adjournment**

President Lyons adjourned the meeting at 7:47 pm.

President

Secretary

II. **Presentation**

- A. Superintendent Jason Mellema - 2026 Ingham ISD Special
Education Millage proposal

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Special Education Bond Proposal

May 5 Ballot Proposal

- Special Education bond proposal for \$99.96 million to upgrade Ingham ISD's special education facilities
- Tax Impact = 0.55 mill increase
- Impacts all Ingham ISD school district residents

Why is the bond proposal necessary?

1. Ingham ISD's special education facilities average 53 years of age (Heartwood School and Beekman Center)
2. The proposed upgrades have significant costs in order to comply with current educational, accessibility, and safety standards
3. Programs require specialized spaces designed to support mobility, medical needs, and individualized instruction

GOALS OF THE 2026 SPECIAL EDUCATION BOND



Safe

Address critical and urgent upgrades identified in Beekman and Heartwood facilities



Accessible

Create classrooms and support spaces that allow all students to learn in safe environments that promote comfort, dignity, and independence



Engaging

Through thoughtful, creative, and impactful design, create spaces to engage and inspire students and staff

Ingham ISD proudly serves our 12 school district communities



FOR MORE INFORMATION
Email Communications@Inghamisd.org

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Election Day is May 5!

Visit Inghamisd.org/Ourimpact/Special-Education-Facilities-Bond



SCAN ME



Student-First Environments

The proposed new and renovated facilities included in the Special Education Bond prioritize safe, accessible, and engaging learning environments that promote comfort, dignity, and independence for students with disabilities—while extending the useful life of the facilities for the future.

Safe

- Secure entryway
- Weather protected pick-up/drop-off
- Appropriate restrooms
- Code compliant spaces
- Technology and security upgrades

Accessible

- Main entryway oversight
- Larger classroom spaces
- Classroom adjacent restrooms
- Access to external spaces
- Thoughtful, ADA compliant spaces

Engaging

- Essential life skills supporting features
- Interactive instructional devices
- Mobility, OT, and PT spaces
- Natural light and high ceilings
- Common spaces and playgrounds



Ingham Intermediate School District
A Regional Educational Service Agency

A legacy in our community

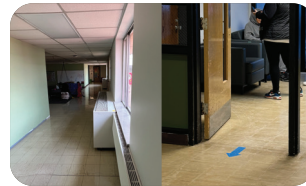
Founded by dedicated community members in 1968, the Beekman Center provided groundbreaking educational opportunities for children with disabilities before legislation established such rights. Despite its impact, the 58 year old building has not been significantly renovated. Growing enrollment led to the opening of center-based Heartwood School in 1978, which now requires improvements to effectively meet current educational, accessibility, and safety standards.

Beekman Center 58 YRS OLD **Heartwood School 48 YRS OLD**

Current Facility Challenges at Beekman and Heartwood



Weather Exposure: Pick-up and drop-off areas lack weather protection



Mobility Obstacles: Narrow hallways and common areas hinder accessibility and observation



Inadequate Restrooms: Restrooms are small, difficult for mobility devices, and not adjacent to classrooms



Aging Mechanical Systems: Mechanical systems are at their end of useful life



Undersized Classrooms: Limited space restricts therapy and impedes learning



Insufficient Storage: Lacking space for mobility device parking and storage



Small Cafeteria: Cannot accommodate student groups and has limited functionality



Non-Functioning Pool: Pool area is non-operational and unsuitable for water therapy



Lack of Activity Space: Limited space available for events and activities

Financial Impact

Est. Tax Impact of 0.55 mill increase on Home Market Values

Home Market Value	100K	153K MEDIAN HOME VALUE	200K	300K	400K
Annual Tax Impact	\$27.50	\$42.16	\$55.00	\$82.50	\$110.00

Impact to Median Household is approximately \$42 per Year

Note: The median taxable value per parcel for 2025 in Ingham County is \$76,665 per the equalization office. Typically, the home market value is estimated at a minimum of twice the taxable value.

VOTE ON OR BEFORE MAY 5, 2026



Absentee Voting Info
michigan.gov/sos/elections/voting/absentee-voting



Where do I vote?
mivic.sos.state.mi.us/voter

III. **Recognition**

IV. **Student Representative Report**

V. **Superintendent's Report**

VI. **Consent Agenda**

Motion: I move that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda to include the following item:

A. New Hire

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Hiring of John Tuttle - 1.0 FTE district-wide school nurse at
BA Step 16.5, effective April 27, 2026.



East Lansing
Public Schools

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Rulesha Glover-Payne, Chief Human Resources Officer

SUBJECT: Human Resources Action Item

DATE: April 10, 2026

Hire

It is recommended that the Board approve the hiring of John Tuttle - 1.0 FTE district-wide school nurse at BA Step 16.5, effective April 27, 2026.

VII. **Public Comment**

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VIII. **Board Discussion**

IX. **Action Items**

A. **Renewal of the Food Service Management Contract with Chartwells School Dining for FY 2026-27**

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Motion: I move that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent, or designee, to sign the attached Food Services Management Company Contract Renewal – Rate Agreement Form to renew with Chartwells School Dining for the FY 2026-27 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027) as presented.



East Lansing
Public Schools

MEMORANDUM

TO: ELPS Board of Education, Dori Leyko, Superintendent

FROM: Lisa Allen, Director of Finance

SUBJECT: Action Item – Renewal of the Food Service Management Contract with Chartwells School Dining for FY 2026-27

DATE: April 13, 2026

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent, or designee, to sign the attached Food Services Management Company Contract Renewal – Rate Agreement Form to renew with Chartwells School Dining for the FY 2026-27 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027) as presented.

Background:

From 03-23-2026 BOE Packet

In May 2023, the Board awarded a competitive bid to Chartwells School Dining to manage the District's food service operations beginning in FY 2023-24. The contract includes four optional one-year renewal terms.

The current agreement expires June 30, 2026. To renew the contract for FY 2026-27, the District followed the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) renewal process. The required documentation was submitted, and MDE has approved the renewal.

Attached are the renewal documents submitted to MDE and the approval correspondence.

Administration will recommend that the Board approve the renewal of the Chartwells School Dining contract for FY 2026-27 at the April 13, 2026, Board meeting.

Lisa Allen

From: Scott David Baker Young
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2026 10:33 AM
To: Lisa Allen
Subject: FW: Contract Renewal Approval - East Lansing

FYI

From: MDE-GEMS <noreply-mde-gems@notifications.michigan.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2026 10:29 AM
To: Dori Leyko <dori.leyko@elps.us>
Cc: Scott David Baker Young <scott.baker@elps.us>; sandra.leach@elps.us; SaulT1@michigan.gov; ZavalaR1@michigan.gov
Subject: Contract Renewal Approval - East Lansing

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03/12/2026

Dori Leyko
East Lansing School District Agreement #33010
6160 TOWAR AVE
EAST LANSING MI 48823

Dear Dori Leyko:

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has received your request for renewing the food service management company contract with Chartwells for the 2026-2027 school year and has approved the following:

1. The current management fee of \$0.0923 per meal will increase by 4% to the new management fee of \$0.0959 per meal.
2. The current administrative fee of \$6,768.10 per month will increase by 4% to the new administrative fee of \$7,038.82 per month for 10 months.
3. The advance payment will be \$90,000.
4. There are no guarantees for the 2026-2027 school year.
5. There is no client investment planned for the 2026-2027 school year.

MDE agrees with the recommendation that the contract be renewed with Chartwells for the 2026-2027 school year. It is ready for approval by the sponsor's Board of Education. After it is approved, signed copies of the Contract Renewal Agreement must be uploaded to MDE in GEMS/MARS. Upload the document in the **Final Signed Documents section of the Food Service Contract Renewals (26-27)**. If the board makes any changes to the contract, these changes must be sent to MDE for approval before the contract renewal can be signed by the sponsor.

This renewed contract is in effect from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

If you have any questions or have contract changes, please send an email to MDE-FSMC-Vended@michigan.gov with "Contract Renewal" in the subject line.

Sincerely,

Emily Ross, RDN
Procurement Compliance Manager
Food Distribution Unit
Office of Nutrition Services
Michigan Department of Education
RossE@michigan.gov

Dr. Deanne K. Kelleher, RDN
Director, Office of Nutrition Services
State Child Nutrition Director
Michigan Department of Education



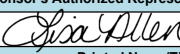
School Year 2026-2027
Food Service Management Company
Contract Renewal Agreement
(COST REIMBURSABLE CONTRACT)

**Note: Do not complete this tab if sponsor has a Fixed Price contract.
Use the Fixed Price Agreement form on next tab.**

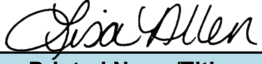
Sponsor Name			Agreement Number	
East Lansing Public Schools			33010	
Food Service Management Company Name			Year of Original Contract	
Compass Group USA, Inc. by and through its Chartwells Division			2023	

This document contains the rates and fees for the furnishing of food service management for non-profit food service programs for the period beginning **July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027**. The terms and conditions of the original contract are applicable to the contract renewal. The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the Midwest Region for December 2025 is 4% as released by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The Equivalent Meal Factor increased from \$4.9700 to \$5.14 for SY 2025-2026.

This Contract Renewal Agreement, attachments, and the original Contract, with addenda, if any, constitute the entire agreement between the Sponsor and the Food Service Management Company. The parties shall not execute any additional contractual documents pertaining to this Contract, except as permitted by applicable law.

RATES MUST NOT BE ROUNDED UP					
Fee Items	Current SY 25-26 Rate (must match what was approved by MDE for the SY 25-26 renewal)	Percentage Rate of Increase		New SY 26-27 Rate**	Note: *Only percentage rates lower than the original contract's percentage rate may be negotiated and/or agreed upon by both parties (such as 0%) for renewals. Higher negotiated percentage rates are not allowed; a rebid for new contract terms will be necessary. **Price Per Meal and Meal Equivalents must be quoted as if no USDA Donated Commodities will be received. ***Planned Client Investment refers to any planned dollar amount the FSMC will invest on the Sponsor's behalf to improve the food service program (such as the purchase of large kitchen equipment or improvements to serving lines, etc.). The Sponsor will pay back that dollar amount to the FSMC over a specified time period as agreed upon by both parties.
		% Per Original Contract	Other Agreed Upon % for SY 26-27*		
1. Management Fee per Meal (breakfast and lunch) and Meal Equivalent (a la carte)	\$ 0.0923	5.0%	4.0%	\$ 0.0959	
2. Administrative Fee per Meal or Month	\$ 6,768.10	5.0%	4.0%	\$ 7,038.82	
3. Reimbursable Breakfasts	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
4. Reimbursable Lunches	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
5. A la Carte Meal Equivalents	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
6. After School Snacks	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
7. At Risk Suppers	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
8. Special Milk	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9. Has the SY 26-27 budget been agreed upon by the Sponsor and FSMC? (yes/no)	NO				
10. Advance Payment dollar amount for SY 26-27, if any	\$ 90,000.00				
11. Guaranteed Return dollar amount for SY 26-27, if any	N/A				
12. Planned Client Investment *** dollar amount for SY 26-27, if any	N/A				
13. Has the Sponsor made any changes to the scope of service in the last year?			Describe Changes Made in the Last Year		Addendum or Amendment Approved by MDE (yes/no)
(X) Mark all that apply.					
Added or closed a site(s)					
Began a new child nutrition program, such as CACFP, SFSP, FFVP, etc.					
Made changes to meal types served, such as adding snacks or suppers					
Added a vendored meal agreement/contract with another sponsor					
Added an alternate agreement with another local education authority (LEA)					
Made changes to revenue, such as catering, concessions, vending machines, etc.					
Other (describe)					
Before MDE Approval - Both parties must sign this portion prior to GEMS/MARS upload.			After MDE Approval		
The Food Service Management Company (FSMC) certifies that it will operate in accordance with all applicable State and Federal laws and regulations. By submission of this proposal, the FSMC certifies that, in the event it receives a renewal award under this solicitation, the FSMC shall operate in accordance with applicable program laws and regulations. The FSMC shall not plead misunderstanding or deception because of such estimates of quantities, or of the character, location, or other conditions pertaining to the proposal. This Agreement shall not exceed one year. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, both parties agree to the terms specified on this Contract Renewal Agreement and hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed by their duly authorized representative on this day and year.			FOR MDE USE ONLY		
			Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has reviewed and approved this Food Service Management Company Contract Renewal Agreement for School Year 2026-2027.		
FSMC's Authorized Representative Signature		Date	MDE Reviewer Signature		Date Approved
		2/11/2026			3/12/26
Printed Name/Title			Sponsor must sign this section AFTER MDE's review/approval in GEMS/MARS.		
Amy Shaffer CEO, Chartwells K12			The Sponsor may proceed with this item at the next board meeting for approval and obtain the authorized Board Representative signature and date below. Once the contract renewal is fully executed, it is the Sponsor's responsibility to upload a copy of the final, fully executed FSMC Contract Renewal Agreement form into GEMS/MARS and submit a copy to the FSMC.		
Sponsor's Authorized Representative Signature		Date			
		03/02/2026	Sponsor's Board Representative Signature		Date
Printed Name/Title			Printed Name/Title		
Lisa Allen, Director of Finance					

School Year 2026-2027
Food Service Management Company
Sponsor Acknowledgement for Contract Renewal

Sponsor Name	Agreement Number
East Lansing Public Schools	33010
Food Service Management Company Name	Year of Original Contract
Compass Group USA, Inc. by and through its Chartwells Division	2023
By signing this Sponsor Acknowledgement for Contract Renewal, the Sponsor acknowledges its responsibilities as outlined in the food service contract, including the overall operational and financial responsibility for the Child Nutrition Programs. The Sponsor acknowledges it is required to conduct monthly (or at least quarterly) invoice reconciliations of its food service contract to ensure compliance with Federal law. The Sponsor certifies its staff directly and independently conducts reconciliations of food service contract invoices to verify the usage and crediting of USDA Foods, allowable costs, and the accuracy of fees and/or per meal charges in accordance with the Sponsor's food service contract. The Sponsor further acknowledges it may be required to submit copies of any and all books and records pertaining to the food service contract including, but not limited to, the following: food service contract invoices with supporting documentation from the company, Sponsor's internal reconciliation materials, distributor invoices, and all other related documents.	
Note: The Sponsor <u>must sign</u> this page prior to uploading into GEMS/MARS.	
Sponsor's Authorized Representative Signature	Date
	03/02/2026
Printed Name/Title	
Lisa Allen, Director of Finance	

B. **Schools of Choice 2026-27 Resolution**

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*Motion: I move that the Board of Education adopt the
Schools of Choice 2026-27 Resolution, as presented.*

**SCHOOLS OF CHOICE 2026-27
RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION BY
THE EAST LANSING BOARD OF EDUCATION**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education (Board) of the School District of the City of East Lansing was held in the Board Room at 6160 Towar Ave, East Lansing, Michigan on the _____ day of _____ at _____pm.

The meeting was called to order by _____ at _____ pm.

Present:

Absent:

The following resolution was offered by Member _____ and supported by Member _____.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Education of the School District of the City of East Lansing, exercising the option permitted by Section 105 and Section 105c of the State Aid Act, will accept applications of nonresident students residing within the intermediate school district in which this district is a constituent district as well as in a contiguous intermediate school district for the 2026-27 school year and will operate a Schools of Choice program in our district in compliance with the statutory requirements of Sections 105 and 105c.

All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution by and the same are rescinded.

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain with conflict:

Motion declared _____

Chris Martin, Secretary
Board of Education

C. **ELHS Addition Technology and Multimedia**

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Motion: I move that the Board of Education approve the contract with Sound Planning Communications in the amount of \$123,360.36 and the contract with the DataCom Group in the amount of \$57,665.



East Lansing
Public Schools

509 Burcham Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823
Technology & Media Services Department
(517) 333-7418 Phone (517) 333-7404 Fax

April 8, 2026

To: Board of Education

From: Christian Palasty, Director of Technology & Media Services

Subj: ACTION ITEM – ELHS Addition Technology and Multimedia

MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH SOUND PLANNING COMMUNICATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$123,360.36 AND THE CONTRACT WITH THE DATACOM GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,665

This Action Item pertains to the ELHS addition project that includes cabling to support technology, the multimedia system for the Union/cafeteria, and the expansion of the public address system to cover the addition.

We are requesting that the Board of Education approve the lowest bidders for the categories of work identified above.

Funding for this project has been budgeted within the technology category of the bond.



East Lansing Public Schools

Bid Tabulation

Name: ELPS High School Addition
Date: March 4, 2026

#	Bidder Name	Contract Form (Y/N)	Addendum #1 (Y/N)	Security (Bond/Check)	Familiar Statement (Y/N)	References (Y/N)	Contract Exceptions (Y/N)	Electronic Version (Y/N)	Section 27 10 00 Low Voltage Cabling	Section 27 13 23 Fiber Optic Cable Network	Section 27 41 16 Multimedia Systems	Section 27 51 13 Public Address System	TOTAL INCLUDING POST BID CLARIFICATIONS	NOTES:
1	TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	\$38,998.00	\$9,328.00	NO BID	NO BID		
2	THIRD COAST TECH	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NO BID	NO BID	\$137,255.85	NO BID		
3	ACORN SOUND	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	\$64,674.25	\$15,038.66	\$138,433.58	NO BID		
4	FIBER LINK	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NO BID	\$13,753.42	NO BID	NO BID		
5	ELECTRO MEDIA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	\$46,005.78	\$5,899.98	NO BID	\$18,563.06		
6	TELSYSTEMS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NO BID	NO BID	\$137,340.70	NO BID		
7	AMCOMM	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	\$41,661.25	\$11,553.60	NO BID	\$24,643.00		
8	SOUND PLANNING	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NO BID	NO BID	\$124,882.78	NO BID	\$123,360.36	Post Bid Clarification: Remove Screen: Deduct \$4,589.94 Post Bid Clarification: Add Touch Screen and Management Software: Add \$3,067.52
9	THE DATACOM GROUP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	\$34,625.00	\$5,675.00	NO BID	\$17,365.00	\$57,665.00	
10	MOSS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	\$37,885.15	\$8,966.99	\$127,582.14	\$18,819.21		



Bid Review Report

EAST LANSING PUBLIC SCHOOLS -
HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION
TECHNOLOGY BID
Issued: February 18, 2026
Opened: March 4, 2026

Review Date	April 13, 2026
Selected Bidders	Sound Planning Communications
Contract	\$123,360.36
Designer Approval	Communication By Design
Owner Approval	Christian Palasty

IN REVIEW OF BID(S), THE FOLLOWING DUE DILIGENCE WAS PERFORMED:	
A	Reviewed all bids received for compliance with specifications and contract provisions.
B	Conducted post-bid interview with low bidder on March 12, 2026. Requested and received bid clarifications from bidders on March 13, 2026.
C	Evaluated equipment performance.
D	Evaluated overall proposed design.
E	Equalized bids to ensure adequate comparison.
F	Evaluated the ability for Contractor to complete work within project timeline
G	During the post-bid interview, post bid clarifications were requested. Post-bid clarifications determined a screen could be reused in the existing Student Union resulting in a deduction of \$4,589.94. Post-bid clarifications also clarified that another touch screen panel with associated software was needed in the New Addition resulting in an addition of \$3,067.52. ELPS accepts these two items and it is reflected in the Total Contract Amount.
H	Contacted bidder references.

Recommendation	Board Motion
	To approve Sound Planning Communications of Redford, Michigan (Multimedia) in the amount of \$123,360.36 to be paid with funds from bond proceeds.



Bid Review Report

EAST LANSING PUBLIC SCHOOLS -
HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION
TECHNOLOGY BID
Issued: February 18, 2026
Opened: March 4, 2026

Review Date	April 13, 2026
Selected Bidders	The DataCom Group, Inc.
Contract	\$57,665.00
Designer Approval	Communication By Design
Owner Approval	Christian Palasty

IN REVIEW OF BID(S), THE FOLLOWING DUE DILIGENCE WAS PERFORMED:	
A	Reviewed all bids received for compliance with specifications and contract provisions.
B	Conducted post-bid interview with low bidder on March 5, 2026.
C	Evaluated equipment performance.
D	Evaluated overall proposed design.
E	Equalized bids to ensure adequate comparison.
F	Evaluated the ability for the Contractor to complete work within the project timeline.
G	Contacted bidder references.

Recommendation	Board Motion
	To approve DataCom Group, Inc. of East Lansing, Michigan (Low Voltage Cabling) in the amount of \$34,625.00, (Fiber Optical Cabling) in the amount of \$5,675.00 and (Public Address) in the amount of \$17,365.00 for a combined total of \$57,665.00 to be paid with funds from bond proceeds.

X. **Committee Reports**

- A. Academic and Technology Committee
- B. Facilities Committee
- C. Finance Committee
- D. Intergovernmental Relations
- E. Personnel Committee
- F. Policy Committee
- G. Ingham School Officers Association (ISOA)

XI. **Announcements**

- A. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education is April 27, 2026.

XII. **Adjournment**

Respectfully Submitted,

Dori Leyko
Superintendent