



Dr. Dan A. Sims, Superintendent

ACTION MEMORANDUM

To: Bibb County Board Education, Dr. Dan A. Sims, Superintendent

From: Kevin Adams, Chief Information Officer
Sam Kitchens, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Joshua Money Penny, Director of Technology Operations
David Gowan, Director of Safety & Security

Subject: Audio Enhancement - Safety Equipment

Summary:

The Technology Services Division is seeking Board approval to purchase safety equipment from Audio Enhancement. These purchases will enhance existing safety measures while also adding additional safety tools to advance our precautionary measures targeting a safe learning environment. This request will be financed utilizing 2021 ESPLOST.

Background:

The Bibb County School District initially purchased Audio Enhancement equipment in 2015. Audio Enhancement provides comprehensive classroom audio systems designed to enhance communication and safety in school districts. Their solutions include the SAFE (Signal Alert for Education) System™, which integrates discreet alert buttons into teachers' microphones, allowing them to quickly notify the front office during emergencies. Additionally, their systems feature hands-free two-way intercoms, customizable paging, and bell zones, ensuring seamless communication across the campus. These measures aim to create a safer and more efficient learning environment for both students and staff. The new classroom microphones for teachers will add a second tier of alerts to allow for clarity of purpose that aligns with pending state legislation and streamlines responses of building administration and external partners. The badges cascade a similar two-tier approach to all district staff where the current solution only provides that single tier measure for our classroom teachers.



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Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Bibb County Board of Education authorizes the purchase order to Audio Enhancement for classroom microphones, staff safety badges, and related infrastructure in the amount not to exceed \$942,797.65. The funding source is 2021 ESPLOST.

Superintendent's Comments and Approval:

Superintendent's Signature	Approved / Not Approved
Dr. Dan A. Sims	Approved