

CHRONOLOGY OF THE AGENDA ITEM Vape Sensors for Middle & High Schools

Scope

Contract Award – South Western Communications, Inc.(SWC)

This contract award to South Western Communications, Inc. (SWC) authorizes the purchase and installation of vape detection sensors across designated middle and high schools within the DeKalb County School District. The scope of work includes the procurement of hardware, system configuration, installation, testing, and integration with existing school safety infrastructure. SWC will also provide training for school personnel and ongoing technical support to ensure optimal use and system functionality. This initiative aligns with the district's efforts to improve air quality, promote a safe and healthy school environment, and address the rise in student vaping incidents.

Contract/Lease Terms

The contract term will be effective September 1, 2025, through September 1, 2026, and begin upon Board Approval and a fully executed contract.

Background

In response to the rising incidence of student vaping and its associated health and disciplinary concerns, the DeKalb County School District is initiating the installation of vape detection devices in middle and high schools. This agenda item recommends the purchase of vape detection systems from South Western Communications, Inc. (SWC), a vendor approved through The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) under Contract Number 230105. Utilizing the TIPS cooperative purchasing contract ensures compliance with procurement regulations while expediting the acquisition process. This purchase represents the district's initial investment in vape detection technology and reflects a proactive approach to fostering safer, healthier learning environments for students.