



To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Dennis L. Carpenter, Ed.D., Superintendent
Dawn Smith, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent of Operations

Date: May 21, 2026

RE: Approval for the repairs to the stadium lighting at Ruskin High School through the Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative.

Rationale:

The stadium lighting system at Ruskin High School is in significant need of repair due to aging infrastructure and ongoing operational issues. The lighting concerns have impacted both Fall and Spring athletic programs, causing the district to cancel and reschedule student sporting events and activities due to inadequate lighting and safety concerns.

Background information:

The purchasing proposal is based on a direct purchase from Cooper Lighting Solutions and Ephesus Sports Lightings through our Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative contract #41123-CPL. The proposed repairs are necessary to ensure:

- Safe visibility for students, staff, athletes, officials, and spectators during evening events;
- Compliance with operational and safety expectations for school athletic facilities;
- Reduction of continued maintenance interruptions and emergency repair costs; and
- Preservation and continued use of the district's athletic facilities for school and community events.

The repairs will support the district's commitment to providing safe, functional, and well-maintained facilities for students and the community.

Cost Analysis:

The total cost for the stadium lighting repairs is \$146,395.00. The proposed vendor is Cooper Lighting Solutions utilizing the Ephesus product line, which includes a 10-year warranty. The proposed timeline includes approximately 8 weeks for materials to arrive on site and an additional 2 weeks for installation. The overall project timeline is estimated between 8 to 11 weeks, depending on seasonal workload, product availability, and weather conditions. If approved at this time, the projected completion date would place the district towards the end of August.

Connection with District initiatives and Board Policy:

Policy DJF-1: PURCHASING and Administrative Procedure: DJF-1-AP(1): PURCHASING

Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends approval of the Approval for the repairs to the stadium lighting at Ruskin High School through the Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative.