Vendor Walk-Through Questions

23.05 Public Address System

1. Does the district want a separate rack or plug into the data closet rack? It depends, we can plug in to the data rack if needed.
2. Is there current room-to-room paging? No
3. Does each room have a phone? Yes, we use Cisco.
4. Does the district want existing cabling replaced? Please include your recommendation in your proposal. If existing cabling works, you can use it.
5. Are there call buttons currently in classrooms? No, we would like them to have it.
6. Are there any current working systems? Some campuses don't have a working system, some campuses have a partial working system where some of the hallways don't work, and some work inside but not outside.
7. What are the current switches? POE. When we get new switches, they will be POE+
8. Can wall mounting equipment be used? It will be on a case-by-case basis. Some of the classrooms will not be able to utilize this.
9. Will new IP devices need a drop? Assume they will all need a new drop.
10. What is the plan for gyms and theaters? Message boards for gyms and cafeterias. Speakers in the theaters.
11. What is the expectation for cable runs? New cable runs will need to be warrantied. Document if you are using an existing cable run.
12. Is the WB field house connected? IT wise, yes, by fiber.
13. Do the hallways need to be covered? Yes, message boards with speakers for optimal coverage.
14. Does the district want new clocks? Yes. Either with a message board functionality or equivalent.
15. Where should the message boards go? The analog clocks are a good indicator of where the hallway boards can go. Use your product's recommendations on a sound radius for placement. In the classroom, a message board or clock will go on the wall (possibly above the door) conducive to the learning environment, placed on the product's specifications.
16. Can the vendor bring in new racks? Use existing racks if you can.
17. Will the vendor need to provide switches? The district will provide the switches. We have new ones on the way that will be here in mid-October.
18. Does each building have their own switch closet? Yes, bigger schools have 4 or 5.
19. Where is the existing main system at Brown? It is in the main Central building. This campus will need a new full rack install.
20. Do there need to be speakers or message boards in the bathrooms? No message boards. If there is a speaker directly outside of the bathroom then there does not need to be one in the bathroom.
21. How will this project be funded? There are funds from different accounts that will be used. A variation of ESSER, General, and Grants.
22. Are the vendors allowed to make new penetrations in the wall? Yes.
23. Do the systems need to have music capabilities? If able, yes.
24. How tall are the ceilings? They are varied.
25. Will the Pathways expansion be included in this project? Yes.

26. Does the district want clocks in the classrooms and hallways? Yes
27. What features does the district want? We want what is the best proposed system. Please include all bells and whistles. It is easier to decline features in the beginning than to need them after the fact.
28. Are the vendors able to work after hours? That can be arranged.
29. When is the last day for questions to bids@bmtisd.com? 72 hours before the closing date.