

FARGO BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMO #84 – 2024-25

March 24, 2025

RE: Award of Proposal –Eagles & Longfellow School Playground Equipment

FROM: James Hand, Director of Facilities
Bill Westrick, Chief Operating Officer
Dr. Rupak Gandhi, Superintendent

BOARD FOCUS: Action Required

Sealed proposals were received on March 13, 2025, for the Eagles & Longfellow School Playground Equipment Request for Proposals (RFP). The District received one proposal from Dakota Playground as follows:

| School | Base Proposal | Alternate (Wood Fibers Replacement) | Total |
|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Eagles Elementary | \$187,428 | \$15,868 | \$203,296 |
| Longfellow Elementary | \$239,522 | \$22,685 | \$262,207 |
| Totals | \$426,950 | \$38,553 | \$465,503 |

As part of the Multi-Facility project, the District will be receiving bids to replace playground surfaces with synthetic turf for a higher level of accessibility. If the proposed turf surface pricing comes in favorably, the alternate for wood fiber replacement will be removed from this scope of work.

RECOMMENDATION: Accept the base proposal from Dakota Playground for playground equipment replacement at Eagles Elementary and Longfellow Elementary in the amount of \$426,950, and if necessary, accept the alternate pricing of \$38,553 for engineered wood fibers replacement and issue a contract accordingly.