Advance Notice
August 13, 2026
Consent Agenda

Declaration of Emergency – Issaquah Valley Elementary Switchgear Replacement – Tow-Yick / Turney / Morse / Carter

Action to be taken: **I move the Board adopt Resolution No. 1271, declaring and ratifying an emergency procurement for replacement of the damaged electrical switchgear and associated underground feeders at Issaquah Valley Elementary.**

On July 29, 2026, a vehicle struck and displaced the District-owned main electrical switchgear serving Issaquah Valley Elementary. Puget Sound Energy (PSE) responded and recommended further inspection of the District-owned equipment.

On August 3, 2026, a qualified electrical contractor inspected the equipment and identified damage to the switchgear and underground feeders, compromised cable insulation, and a severed grounding system. The equipment remained energized and could not be safely operated in its damaged condition.

Facilities Director Julius Carter, an electrical engineer with more than 20 years of experience in power generation and distribution systems, reviewed and concurred with the contractor's findings. Facilities determined that the damaged condition presents an immediate safety risk to persons and District property. The switchgear provides the school's only normal electrical service, and failure would result in loss of power and disruption of school operations.

PSE advised that replacement should be treated as an urgent matter and addressed as soon as possible to mitigate potential safety and reliability concerns. Washington Schools Risk Management Pool (WSRMP) likewise advised the District to proceed with the repairs as soon as possible, with the claim to be reviewed following completion and receipt of final invoices.

Based on the conditions identified through the August 3 inspection, Administration determined that prompt remedial action was necessary and authorized the emergency work to proceed. Completing a competitive bidding process would delay the District's response and expose persons, District property, and school operations to continued risk.

Resolution No. 1271 declares and ratifies the emergency procurement and waives the applicable competitive bidding requirements pursuant to RCW 28A.335.190(6) and RCW 39.04.280. All other applicable public works requirements remain in effect.

The current proposal is $102,381, excluding applicable sales tax and utility charges.

Martin Turney, Chief of Finance and Operations, and Julius Carter, Director of Facility Services, will be available for any further questions.