BID NUMBER AGR 27-01

RANKIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
SIXTEENTH SECTION AGRICULTURAL LAND

The Rankin County Board of Education, as Trustees for the Rankin County School District, will receive sealed bids for the lease of certain Sixteenth Section property hereinafter described as follows, to-wit:

16-T5N-R5E

A tract of land containing 112.33 acres ±, lying and being situated in Section 16-T5N-R5E, Rankin County, Mississippi, further described as being Tax Parcel Number P8-33-10, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds description located in the Sixteenth Section Land Management office of the Rankin County School District.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE BID: $ 2,800 per year

Said sealed bids for such lease as described above, shall be received at the office of the Rankin County School District at 1220 Apple Park Place, Brandon, Mississippi, 39042, until **2:00 p.m. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2026.** The Rankin County Board of Education shall openly meet at the District Administration Building, 1220 Apple Park Pl. Brandon, MS on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2022 at 7:30 a.m.**, at which time bids for the leasing of the aforementioned property shall be opened and awarded pursuant to Miss. Code of 1972 Sec. 29-3-81 as amended, provided, however that the Rankin County Board of Education shall have the right to reject any and/or all bids submitted and to waive any informalities.

Said lease shall be for Agricultural purposes only as classified and shall be in compliance with existing statutes governing Sixteenth Section lands.

Items required, specifications, and bid forms may be obtained in person at the Administrative Office Building of the Rankin County School District, located at 1220 Apple Park Place, Brandon Mississippi, or by contacting Sam Lemonis, Director of Purchasing at 601-825-5590 or email sam515@rcsd.ms

Provided that the Rankin County Board of Education receives an acceptable bid in response to the advertisement for the leasing of the above described property and elects not to hold an auction among those submitting bids, then the holder of the existing lease may submit a second bid in an amount not less than **One Hundred Five Percent (105%)** of the highest acceptable bid received if the holder of the existing lease: (1) submitted a bid in response to the advertisement and (2) constructed or made improvements on the leasehold premises after receiving approval of the Rankin County Board of Education during the term of the existing lease. For purposes of this subsection, the term "improvements" shall not include any work or items that are done customarily on an annual basis in the preparing, planting, growing, cultivating or harvesting of crops or other farm products.

If the holder of the existing lease elects to submit a second bid, the Rankin County Board of Education shall hold an auction among those who submitted bids in response to the advertisement. The opening bid at the auction shall be the second bid of the holder of the existing lease. However, no leaseholder may submit a second bid if: (1) any rent, taxes or other payment required under his lease are past due; or (2) he is otherwise in default of any term or

provision of the lease and such default has not been corrected or cured to the satisfaction of the Rankin County Board of Education after more than thirty (30) days' notice to the leaseholder of the default.

If an auction is held, the auction may be conducted at the meeting at which bids are opened or a subsequent regular or special meeting. The board shall announce the time and place of the auction at the meeting at which bids are opened, and no further notice of the auction is required. If no bid acceptable to the Rankin County Board of Education is received after the advertisement or at auction, the Rankin County Board of Education may lease, within ninety (90) days, the lands by private contract for an amount greater than the highest bid previously rejected in order to acquire a fair rental value for the lands. If no bids are received in response to the advertisement, the Rankin County Board of Education may negotiate a private contract for a fair rental value, and the term of such contract shall expire on December 31 of the same calendar year in which the contract is made (Miss. Code of 1972 Sec. 29-3-81 as amended).

Such bid offers shall be for the entire parcel at a specified bid offer per year plus all taxes and shall be accompanied by **CERTIFIED CHECK**. The minimum acceptable bid shall be: **$2800 PER YEAR**

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Mr. Shane Sanders, Superintendent of Education

PUBLICATION DATES:

November 11, 2026
November 18, 2026