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TO: Board of School Trustees

FROM: Dr. Shawn Greiner, Superintendent
Michelle Cronk, CFO

DATE: September 25, 2025 (October 6, 2025 Board Meeting)

RE: Happy Hollow Chiller Engineering Agreement (Attorney Reviewed)

It is necessary to move forward with replacing the chiller at Happy Hollow for continued use of the building. In the State of Indiana a licensed architect or engineer is required to create plans/specifications for public works projects that are over a certain threshold. In this particular instance, it is more efficient and cost effective to use an engineer specializing in the work being done rather than an architect who would have to subcontract that work. We have chosen to work with Creative Engineering Solutions, Inc. which has taken part in work previously across the district and is familiar with our HVAC and mechanical systems.

Creative Engineering worked with Jon Becker of Church & Church on the final architect/engineering agreement that is included in your board documents. The cost of engineering services outlined in the standard AIA contract will be \$50,400 for the project which is in line with the industry standard of approximately 10% to 12% of estimated construction cost. The contract has been fully reviewed by Mr. Becker.

Please approve the engineering/architect agreement as presented so that design work can be finalized and the process for competitive bidding of the project can commence. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let us know.