

DECATUR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #61  
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AGENDA

Regular Meeting  
Keil Administration Building  
101 W. Cerro Gordo Street  
Decatur, IL 62523

July 09, 2024  
4:30 PM Special Open Session

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Legend: AI = Action Item      DI = Discussion Item      IO = Information Only

**Strategic Plan Mission:**

*The mission of Decatur Public Schools, the destination district of our community, is to unlock students' unique and limitless potential to achieve their personal aspirations as fully prepared, contributing citizens in a global society through learning experiences distinguished by:*

- *commitment to the whole person resulting in student growth and confidence*
- *relevant, innovative, personalized academic pathways that promote passion and pride*
- *a learning environment that fosters curiosity and the thirst for achievement and discovery*
- *a culture of diversity, adaptability, and resilience*
- *meaningful and lasting relationships*
- *extraordinary school and community connections*

**The Board of Education Parameters that Guide Our Work:**

- We will make decisions in the best interest of all students.
- We will treat all people with dignity and respect.
- We will seek input and collaboration throughout our diverse community.
- We will practice responsible stewardship of all our resources.

**AI 1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Roll Call

**IO 2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**AI 3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA JULY 09, 2024**

**IO 4.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- Identify oneself and be brief.
- Comments should be limited to three (3) minutes.
- Any public comments submitted to the Board Secretary will be included in the record.

**DI 5.0 BOARD DISCUSSION**

**IO 6.0 REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION**

A. First Read: School Board Policy 7:190 Student Behavior

**AI 7.0 ROLL CALL ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Award of Bid for Asbestos Abatement at the Buildings & Grounds Annex
- B. Award of Bid for Asbestos Abatement at South Shores Elementary School
- C. Pershing Early Learning Center Fencing Project

**IO 8.0 NEXT MEETING**

The public portion of the next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be at 6:30 PM, Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at the Keil Administration Building.

**AI 9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

# STUDENT

## **7:190 Student Behavior**

The goals and objectives of this policy are to provide effective discipline practices that: (1) ensure the safety and dignity of students and staff; (2) maintain a positive, weapons-free, and drug-free learning environment; (3) keep school property and the property of others secure; (4) address the causes of a student's misbehavior and provide opportunities for all individuals involved in an incident to participate in its resolution; and (5) teach students positive behavioral skills to become independent, self-disciplined citizens in the school community and society.

### When and Where Conduct Rules Apply

A student is subject to disciplinary action for engaging in prohibited student conduct, as described in the section with that name below, whenever the student's conduct is reasonably related to school or school activities, including, but not limited to:

1. On, or within sight of, school grounds before, during, or after school hours or at any time;
2. Off school grounds at a school-sponsored activity or event, or any activity or event that bears a reasonable relationship to school;
3. Traveling to or from school or a school activity, function, or event; or
4. Anywhere, if the conduct interferes with, disrupts, or adversely affects the school environment, school operations, or an educational function, including, but not limited to, conduct that may reasonably be considered to: (a) be a threat or an attempted intimidation of a staff member; or (b) endanger the health or safety of students, staff, or school property.

### Prohibited Student Conduct

The school administration is authorized to discipline students for gross disobedience, **disruptive behaviors**, or misconduct, including **but not limited to the sub-headings outlined below**. Disobeying rules of student conduct or directives from staff members or school officials ~~Examples of disobeying staff directives~~ include, but is not limited to, refusing a District staff member's request to stop, present school identification, or **report to the office**. ~~submit to a search~~.

### Possession

For purposes of this policy, the term possession includes having control, custody, or care, currently or in the past, of an object or substance, including situations in which the item is: (a) on the student's person; (b) contained in another item belonging to, or under the control of, the student, such as in the student's clothing, backpack, or automobile; (c) in a school's student locker, desk, or other school property; or (d) at any location on school property or at a school-sponsored event.

Efforts, including the use of positive interventions and supports, shall be made to deter students, while at school or a school-related event, from engaging in aggressive behavior that may reasonably produce physical or psychological harm to someone else. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the parent/guardian of a student who engages in aggressive behavior is notified of the incident.

The failure to provide such notification does not limit the Board's authority to impose discipline, including suspension or expulsion for such behavior.

No disciplinary action shall be taken against any student that is based totally or in part on the refusal of the student's parent/guardian to administer or consent to the administration of psychotropic or psychostimulant medication to the student.

### Illegal Substance

1. Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling tobacco or nicotine materials, including without limitation, electronic cigarettes.
2. Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling alcoholic beverages. Students who are under the influence of an alcoholic beverage are not permitted to attend school or school functions and are treated as though they had alcohol in their possession.
3. Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, selling, or offering for sale:
  - a. Any illegal drug or controlled substance, or cannabis (including marijuana, hashish, and medical cannabis unless the student is authorized to be administered a medical cannabis infused product under Ashley's Law).
  - b. Any anabolic steroid unless it is being administered in accordance with a physician's or licensed practitioner's prescription.
  - c. Any performance-enhancing substance on the Illinois High School Association's most current banned substance list unless administered in accordance with a physician's or licensed practitioner's prescription.
  - d. Any prescription drug when not prescribed for the student by a physician or licensed practitioner, or when used in a manner inconsistent with the prescription or prescribing physician's or licensed practitioner's instructions. The use or possession of medical cannabis, even by a student for whom medical cannabis has been prescribed, is prohibited unless the student is authorized to be administered a medical cannabis infused product under Ashley's Law.
  - e. Any inhalant, regardless of whether it contains an illegal drug or controlled substance: (a) that a student believes is, or represents to be capable of, causing intoxication, hallucination, excitement, or dulling of the brain or nervous system; or (b) about which the student engaged in behavior that would lead a reasonable person to believe that the student intended the inhalant to cause intoxication, hallucination, excitement, or dulling of the brain or nervous system. The prohibition in this section does not apply to a student's use of asthma or other legally prescribed inhalant medications.
  - f. Any substance inhaled, injected, smoked, consumed, or otherwise ingested or absorbed with the intention of causing a physiological or psychological change in the body, including without limitation, pure caffeine in tablet or powdered form.
  - g. Look-alike or counterfeit drugs, including a substance that is not prohibited by this policy, but one: (a) that a student believes to be, or represents to be, an illegal drug, controlled substance, or other substance that is prohibited by this policy; or (b) about which a student engaged in behavior that would lead a reasonable person to believe that the student expressly or impliedly represented to be an illegal drug, controlled substance, or other substance that is prohibited by this policy.
  - h. Drug paraphernalia, including devices that are or can be used to: (a) ingest, inhale, or inject cannabis or controlled substances into the body; and (b) grow, process, store, or conceal cannabis or controlled substances.

Students who are under the influence of any prohibited substance are not permitted to attend school or school functions and are treated as though they had the prohibited substance, as applicable, in their possession.

### Weapons

A student who is determined to have brought one of the following objects to school, any school- sponsored activity or event, or any activity or event that bears a reasonable relationship to school shall be expelled for a period **not to exceed** ~~of at least one- calendar year but not more than two~~ calendar years:

1. A firearm, meaning any gun, rifle, shotgun, or weapon as defined by Section 921 of Title 18 of the United States Code ([18 U.S.C. § 921](#)), firearm as defined in Section 1.1 of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act ([430 ILCS 65/](#)), or firearm as defined in Section 24-1 of the Criminal Code of 1961 ([720 ILCS 5/24-1](#)).
2. A knife, brass knuckles, or other knuckle weapon regardless of its composition, a billy club, or any other object if used or attempted to be used to cause bodily harm, including look-alikes of any firearm as defined above.
3. Using, possessing, controlling, or transferring a weapon as that term is defined in the Weapons section of this policy, or violating the Weapons section of this policy.
4. Using or possessing a laser pointer unless under a staff member's direct supervision and in the context of instruction.

### Electronic Devices

~~Using or possessing an electronic paging device.~~ **The district strongly encourages families to keep their student's cell phone and other electronic devices at home as the district/staff will not be held responsible for items left, lost, stolen, or damaged.**

Using a cellular telephone, video recording device, personal digital assistant (PDA), **paging device(s), smart watch(es), headphones, earbuds,** or other electronic **device(s) in the classroom, hallways, lunch periods (PreK-8<sup>th</sup> grade), or other school environment(s), including school related activities, are prohibited.** Electronic devices, headphone, earbuds, smart watches, etc., must be turned off and ~~kept~~ **remain in** their lockers or in a secure **designated cell phone** location in the classroom **during the school day.** ~~any manner that disrupts the educational environment or violates the rights of others, including using the device to take photographs in locker rooms or bathrooms, cheat, or otherwise violate student conduct rules.~~ aq

Prohibited **technology** conduct specifically includes, without limitation, **handling, utilizing,** creating, sending, sharing, viewing, receiving, **posting,** or possessing a **prohibited electronic device,** an indecent visual depiction of oneself or another person through the use of **any electronic device, and/or any electronic device that disrupts the educational environment or leads to the disruption of the educational environment.** ~~a computer, electronic communication device, or cellular phone.~~ Unless otherwise banned under this policy or by the Building Principal,

All electronic devices **not provided by school staff,** must be kept powered-off or ~~silenced~~ **and placed in the student's locker or a secure, designated location in the teacher's classroom (PreK-8<sup>th</sup> grade)** during the regular school day. ~~out-of-sight during the regular school day unless:~~ (a) ~~the supervising teacher grants permission;~~ (b) ~~use of the device is provided in a student's individualized education program (IEP);~~ (c) ~~it is used during the student's lunch period,~~ or (d) ~~it is needed in an emergency that threatens the safety of students, staff, or other individuals.~~

Students in grades 9-12 must keep their cell phones turned off and in their individual lockers. Staff is not responsible for cell phones that are left, lost, damaged, or stolen while at school. **Cell phone use will be allowed during high school student's individual lunch periods only.** Students that refuse to obey this policy and/or guidelines set for cell phone usage and/or other technology violations may receive the following school discipline.

- 1<sup>st</sup> offense - Warning – Parent/guardian contacted and student must put device away in the designated area. Student may pick the device up at the end of the day.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> offense – Parent/guardian contacted. Written Warning/Classroom referral. Student must put device away in the designated area. Student may pick the device up at the end of the day.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> offense – Discipline referral to the office. Parent/guardian contacted. Student must put device away in the designated area. Parent may pick the device up at the end of the day.
- 4<sup>th</sup> offense and beyond – Student will be disciplined according to the Student Code of Conduct.

Students that become grossly defiant, threaten staff, disruptive, etc., may be suspended for up to 3 days regardless of it being the first or fourth offense. Students will be allowed to make up missed work. Students will not be allowed on school property while suspended.

Parent/guardian(s) that become belligerent, threaten staff, etc., may be arrested and/or given a No Trespass Letter. A no trespass letter means the individual is not allowed on any DPS property for the length of the time stated in the letter.

### Academic Dishonesty

Engaging in academic dishonesty, including cheating, intentionally plagiarizing, wrongfully giving or receiving help during an academic examination, altering report cards, and wrongfully obtaining test copies or scores.

### Hazing

1. Engaging in hazing or any kind of bullying or aggressive behavior that does physical or psychological harm to a staff person or another student, or urging other students to engage in such conduct. Prohibited conduct specifically includes, without limitation, any use of violence, intimidation, force, noise, coercion, threats, stalking, harassment, sexual harassment, public humiliation, theft or destruction of property, retaliation, hazing, bullying, bullying using a school computer or a school computer network, or other comparable conduct.
2. Being involved with any public-school fraternity, sorority, or secret society, by: (a) being a member; (b) promising to join; (c) pledging to become a member; or (d) soliciting any other person to join, promise to join, or be pledged to become a member.

### Sexual Misconduct

1. Engaging in any sexual activity, including without limitation, offensive touching, sexual harassment, indecent exposure (including mooning), and sexual assault. This does not include the non-disruptive: (a) expression of gender or sexual orientation or preference, or (b) display of affection during non-instructional time.
2. Teen dating violence, as described in Board policy 7:185, Teen Dating Violence Prohibited.

### Vandalism/Theft

1. Causing or attempting to cause damage to, or stealing or attempting to steal, school property or another person's personal property.
2. Entering school property or a school facility without proper authorization.

### False Alarms

In the absence of a reasonable belief that an emergency exists, calling emergency responders (such as calling 911); signaling or setting off alarms or signals indicating the presence of an emergency; or indicating the presence of a bomb or explosive device on school grounds, school bus, or at any school activity.

### Threats

Making an explicit threat on an Internet website against a school employee, a student, or any school-related personnel if the Internet website through which the threat was made is a site that was accessible within the school at the time the threat was made or was available to third parties who worked or studied within the school grounds at the time the threat was made, and the threat could be reasonably interpreted as threatening to the safety and security of the threatened individual because of his or her duties or employment status or status as a student inside the school.

### Disruptive Behaviors/Truancy

1. Being involved in gangs or gang-related activities, including displaying gang symbols or paraphernalia.
2. Violating any criminal law, including but not limited to, assault, battery, arson, theft, gambling, eavesdropping, vandalism, and hazing.
3. Operating an unmanned aircraft system (UAS) or drone for any purpose on school grounds or at any school event unless granted permission by the Superintendent or designee.
4. Engaging in any activity, on or off campus, that interferes with, disrupts, or adversely affects the school environment, school operations, or an educational function, including but not limited to, conduct that may reasonably be considered to: (a) be a threat or an attempted intimidation of a staff member; or (b) endanger the health or safety of students, staff, or school property.
5. Being absent without a recognized excuse; State Law and Board of Education policy regarding truancy control will be used with chronic and habitual truants

### Disciplinary Measures

School officials shall limit the number and duration of expulsions and out-of-school suspensions to the greatest extent practicable, and, where practicable and reasonable, shall consider forms of non-exclusionary discipline before using out-of-school suspensions or expulsions. School personnel shall not advise or encourage students to drop out voluntarily due to behavioral or academic difficulties. Potential disciplinary measures include, without limitation, any of the following:

1. Notifying parent(s)/guardian(s).
2. Disciplinary conference.
3. Withholding of privileges.
4. Temporary removal from the classroom.
5. Return of property or restitution for lost, stolen, or damaged property.
6. In-school suspension. The Building Principal or designee shall ensure that the student is properly supervised.
7. After-school study or Saturday study provided the student's parent/guardian has been notified. If transportation arrangements cannot be agreed upon, an alternative

disciplinary measure must be used. The student must be supervised by the detaining teacher or the Building Principal or designee.

8. Community service with local public and nonprofit agencies that enhances community efforts to meet human, educational, environmental, or public safety needs. The District will not provide transportation. School administration shall use this option only as an alternative to another disciplinary measure, giving the student and/or parent/guardian the choice.
9. Seizure of contraband; confiscation and temporary retention of personal property that was used to violate this policy or school disciplinary rules.
10. Suspension of bus riding privileges in accordance with Board policy 7:220, Bus Conduct.
11. Out-of-school suspension from school and all school activities in accordance with Board policy 7:200, Suspension Procedures. A student who has been suspended shall also be restricted from being on school grounds and at school activities.
12. Expulsion from school and all school activities for a definite time period not to exceed two calendar years in accordance with Board policy 7:210, Expulsion Procedures. A student who has been expelled shall also be restricted from being on school grounds and at school activities that include, but not limited to, prom, senior activities, and graduation.
13. Transfer to an alternative program if the student is expelled or otherwise qualifies for the transfer under State law. The transfer shall be in the manner provided in [Article 13A](#) or [13B of the School Code](#).
14. Notifying juvenile authorities or other law enforcement whenever the conduct involves criminal activity, including but not limited to, illegal drugs (controlled substances), look-alikes, alcohol, or weapons or in other circumstances as authorized by the reciprocal reporting agreement between the District and local law enforcement agencies.

The above list of disciplinary measures is a range of options that will not always be applicable in every case. **It is also not an order in which discipline may be administered.** In some circumstances, it may not be possible to avoid suspending or expelling a student because behavioral interventions, other than a suspension and expulsion, will not be appropriate and available, and the only reasonable and practical way to resolve the threat and/or address the disruption is a suspension or expulsion. Students enrolled in the District's State-funded preschool program(s) may be temporarily removed or transitioned to a new program in accordance with federal and State law. State law prohibits the expulsion of students from the program(s).

Corporal punishment is prohibited. Corporal punishment is defined as slapping, paddling, or prolonged maintenance of students in physically painful positions, or intentional infliction of bodily harm. Corporal punishment does not include reasonable force as needed to maintain safety for students, staff, or other persons, or for the purpose of self-defense or defense of property.

#### Isolated Time Out, Time Out, and Physical Restraint

Neither isolated time out, time out, nor physical restraint shall be used to discipline or punish a student. These methods are only authorized for use as permitted in [105 ILCS 5/10-20.33](#), State Board of Education rules ([23 Ill.Admin.Code §§ 1.280, 1.285](#)), and the District's procedure(s).

## Weapons

A student who is determined to have brought one of the following objects to school, any school- sponsored activity or event, or any activity or event that bears a reasonable relationship to school shall be expelled for a period **not to exceed** ~~of at least one- calendar year but not more than two calendar years:~~

- A firearm, meaning any gun, rifle, shotgun, or weapon as defined by Section 921 of Title 18 of the United States Code ([18 U.S.C. § 921](#)), firearm as defined in Section 1.1 of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act ([430 ILCS 65/](#)), or firearm as defined in Section 24-1 of the Criminal Code of 1961 ([720 ILCS 5/24-1](#)).
- A knife, brass knuckles, or other knuckle weapon regardless of its composition, a billy club, or any other object if used or attempted to be used to cause bodily harm, including look-alikes of any firearm as defined above.

The expulsion requirement under either paragraph one or two above may be modified by the Superintendent, and the Superintendent's determination may be modified by the Board on a case-by- case basis. The Superintendent or designee may grant an exception to this policy, upon the prior request of an adult supervisor, for students in theatre, cooking, ROTC, martial arts, and similar programs, whether or not school-sponsored, provided the item is not equipped, nor intended, to do bodily harm.

This policy's prohibitions concerning weapons apply regardless of whether: (1) a student is licensed to carry a concealed firearm, or (2) the Board permits visitors, who are licensed to carry a concealed firearm, to store a firearm in a locked vehicle in a school parking area.

## Re-Engagement of Returning Students

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a process to facilitate the re-engagement of students who are returning from an out-of-school suspension, expulsion, or an alternative school setting. The goal of re-engagement shall be to support the student's ability to be successful in school following a period of exclusionary discipline and shall include the opportunity for students who have been suspended to complete or make up work for equivalent academic credit.

## Required Notices

A school staff member shall immediately notify the office of the Building Principal in the event that he or she: (1) observes any person in possession of a firearm on or around school grounds; however, such action may be delayed if immediate notice would endanger students under his or her supervision, (2) observes or has reason to suspect that any person on school grounds is or was involved in a drug-related incident, or (3) observes a battery committed against any staff member. Upon receiving such a report, the Building Principal or designee shall immediately notify the local law enforcement agency, Ill. State Police (ISP), and any involved student's parent/guardian. School grounds includes modes of transportation to school activities and any public way within 1000 feet of the school, as well as school property itself.

## Delegation of Authority

Each teacher, and any other school personnel when students are under his or her charge, is authorized to impose any disciplinary measure, other than suspension, expulsion, corporal punishment, or in-school suspension, that is appropriate and in accordance with the policies and rules on student discipline. Teachers, other certificated [licensed] educational employees, and other persons providing a related service for or with respect to a student, may use reasonable force as needed to

maintain safety for other students, school personnel, or other persons, or for the purpose of self-defense or defense of property. Teachers may temporarily remove students from a classroom for disruptive behavior.

The Superintendent, Building Principal, Assistant Building Principal, or Dean of Students is authorized to impose the same disciplinary measures as teachers and may suspend students guilty of gross disobedience or misconduct from school (including all school functions) and from riding the school bus, up to 10 consecutive school days, provided the appropriate procedures are followed. The Board may suspend a student from riding the bus in excess of 10 school days for safety reasons.

### Student Handbook

The Superintendent, with input from the parent-teacher advisory committee, shall prepare disciplinary rules implementing the District's disciplinary policies. These disciplinary rules shall be presented annually to the Board for its review and approval.

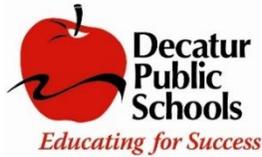
A student handbook, including the District disciplinary policies and rules, shall be distributed to the students' parents/guardians within 15 days of the beginning of the school year or a student's enrollment.

Incorporated by Reference: 7:190-AP4 (Use of Isolated Time Out, Time Out, and Physical Restraint) LEGAL REF.: [20 U.S.C. §6081](#), Pro-Children Act of 1994. [20 U.S.C. §7961](#) et seq., Gun Free Schools Act. [105 ILCS 5/2-3.71\(a\)\(7\)](#), [5/10-20.5b](#), [5/10-20.14](#), [5/10-20.28](#), [5/10-20.36](#), [5/10-21.7](#), [5/10-21.10](#), [5/10-22.6](#), [5/10-27.1A](#), [5/10-27.1B](#), [5/22-33](#), [5/24-24](#), [5/26-12](#), [5/27-23.7](#), and [5/31-3.105 ILCS 110/3.10](#), Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Education Act. [410 ILCS 130/](#), Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program. [410 ILCS 647/](#), Powdered Caffeine Control and Education Act. [430 ILCS 66/](#), Firearm Concealed Carry Act. [23 Ill.Admin.Code §§1.280](#), [1.285](#).

CROSS REF.: 2:150 (Committees), 2:240 (Board Policy Development), 5:230 (Maintaining Student Discipline), 6:110 (Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program), 7:70 (Attendance and Truancy), 7:130 (Student Rights and Responsibilities), 7:140 (Search and Seizure), 7:150 (Agency and Police Interviews), 7:160 (Student Appearance), 7:170 (Vandalism), 7:180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), 7:185 (Teen Dating Violence Prohibited), 7:200 (Suspension Procedures), 7:210 (Expulsion Procedures), 7:220 (Bus Conduct), 7:230 (Misconduct by Students with Disabilities), 7:240 (Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities), 7:270 (Administering Medicines to Students), 7:310 (Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools), 7:315 (Restrictions on Publications; High Schools), 8:30 (Visitors to and Conduct on School Property)

ADOPTED: December 12, 2023

REVISED: July 16, 2024 (Pending Board Approval)



**Board of Education  
Decatur Public School District #61**

<b>Date:</b> July 09, 2024	<b>Subject:</b> Award of Bid to Perform Asbestos Abatement in the Bldgs. & Grounds Annex Boiler Room
<b>Initiated By:</b> Kent Metzger, Director of Building and Grounds	<b>Attachments:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alliance Illinois Letter of Recommendation</li> <li>• Bid Tab dated June 21, 2024</li> </ul>
<b>Reviewed By:</b> Dr. Michael Curry, Chief Operational Officer, and Dr. Rochelle Clark, Superintendent	

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Asbestos containing materials have been utilized on mechanical system equipment in the boiler room at the Buildings & Grounds Annex Building. The boiler has been needing replaced for an extended period of time, and must be replaced prior to the next heating season. Prior to dismantling the boiler for replacement, asbestos containing materials must be removed by an IDPH licensed asbestos abatement contractor under the supervision of an IPDH licensed asbestos consultant.

**CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:**

Three (3) contractors submitted bids. M&O Environmental Company submitted the most responsible low bid of \$75,000.00 to perform the asbestos abatement work. The abatement supervision will be provided by Alliance Illinois (DPS’s long-standing asbestos consultant) under a separate agreement.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

These services will be paid out of Fund 60 or 90.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

The Administration respectfully requests that the Board of Education award the bid to M&O Environmental Company of Peoria, Illinois in the amount of \$75,000.00 to perform Asbestos Abatement in the Bldgs. & Grounds Annex Boiler Room as presented.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

- Approval
- Information
- Discussion

**BOARD ACTION:** \_\_\_\_\_

June 21, 2024

Mr. Kent Metzger  
Director, Buildings and Grounds  
Decatur C.U.S.D. #61  
101 West Cerro Gordo  
Decatur, IL 62523

RE: Letter of Recommendation for the 2024 Asbestos Abatement of the Annex Building Boiler Room, Contract A-2, DPS #61, Decatur, IL.

Dear Mr. Metzger,

Alliance, Illinois has reviewed the bids for the 2024 Asbestos Abatement of the Annex Building, Contract A-2, DPS #61, Decatur, IL.

Based upon our review of the bid and our past experiences with the M&O Environmental Company, we recommend that the M&O Environmental Company, 1625 W. Altorfer Drive, Peoria, IL be selected as the abatement contractor for contract A-2 for the sum of \$75,000.00 which includes a cash allowance of \$5,000.

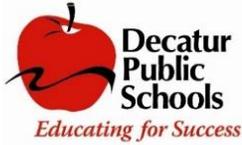
If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



Robert Talavera  
Alliance, Illinois





## Board of Education Decatur Public School District #61

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Asbestos containing materials have been utilized on mechanical system equipment in the boiler room at South Shores Elementary School. During previous projects, the original heating system and boiler have been replaced and rendered defunct. The boiler remains in the boiler room. Dismantling of the defunct boiler will allow the boiler room space to be better utilized as storage for the building. Prior to dismantling the boiler, the asbestos containing materials must be removed by an IDPH licensed asbestos abatement contractor under the supervision of an IPDH licensed asbestos consultant.

**CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:**

Three (3) contractors submitted bids. Great Western Abatement submitted the most responsible low bid of \$82,518.00 to perform the asbestos abatement work. The abatement supervision will be provided by Alliance Illinois (DPS’s long-standing asbestos consultant) under a separate agreement.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

These services will be paid out of Fund 60 or 90.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

The Administration respectfully requests that the Board of Education award the bid to Great Western Abatement of Jerseyville, Illinois in the amount of \$82,518.00 to perform Asbestos Abatement in the South Shores Boiler Room as presented.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

- Approval
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**BOARD ACTION:** \_\_\_\_\_

June 21, 2024

Mr. Kent Metzger  
Director, Buildings and Grounds  
Decatur C.U.S.D. #61  
101 West Cerro Gordo  
Decatur, IL 62523

RE: Letter of Recommendation for the 2024 Asbestos Abatement of the South Shores Elementary School Boiler Room, Contract A-1, DPS #61, Decatur, IL.

Dear Mr. Metzger,

Alliance, Illinois has reviewed the bids for the 2024 Asbestos Abatement of the South Shores Elementary School, Contract A-1, DPS #61, Decatur, IL.

Based upon our review of the bid and our past experiences with the Great Western Abatement, we recommend that Great Western Abatement, 27298 Hagen Road, Jerseyville, IL be selected as the abatement contractor for contract A-1 for the sum of \$82,518.00 which includes a cash allowance of \$5,000.

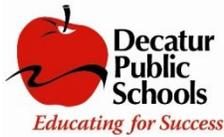
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## Board of Education Decatur Public School District #61

<b>Date:</b> July 09, 2024	<b>Subject:</b> Pershing Early Learning Center Fence Project
<b>Initiated By:</b> Sarah Knuppel, Principal at Pershing Early Learning Center and Dr. Mike Curry, Chief Operational Officer	<b>Attachments:</b> Estimate
<b>Reviewed By:</b> Dr. Rochelle Clark, Superintendent	

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Every three years, Pershing Early Learning Center is monitored by the Illinois State Board of Education for compliance with the requirements of the Early Childhood Block Grant. This monitoring visit utilizes the Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale (ECERS) to rate the quality of the learning environment. In the most recent monitoring visit (2023), one identified area for improvement was outdoor spaces for gross motor play, specifically the number of areas for gross motor play, as well as the safety of the fencing borders of the gross motor spaces.

**CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:**

Pershing is recommending improvements and/or replacement of current fencing around existing playgrounds, as well as the addition of new fencing to create two new playground areas that are compliant with the ECERS scale.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

ISBE has provided additional funding specifically for the fencing project at Pershing. There will be no costs incurred by the District.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

The Administration respectfully requests that the Board of Education approve the Fencing Project at Pershing Early learning Center as presented.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

- Approval
- Information
- Discussion

**BOARD ACTION:** \_\_\_\_\_



## General Fence Company

June 20, 2024

Decatur School District  
Pershing School

RE: Fence Estimate

This is to serve as our estimate to do the following work at your facility:

- 1) Install 360' of 6' tall 9ga. core fusion bonded black vinyl chain link fence with (1) 14' double drive gate, (1) 12' double drive gate and (2) 5' walk gates.

Total \$17,460.00

- 2) Remove 360' of 4' existing chain link fence, re-use the wire and toprail to install 640' of 4' tall 9ga. fusion bonded black vinyl chain link fence with (3) 10' double drive gates, (1) 8' double drive gate, (1) 6' walk gate and (2) 5' walk gates.

Total \$22,182.00

The cost to tear out the existing fence is \$2160.00 additional.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Guerrero

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