

**ALBANY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD AGENDA BACKUP**

Regular Meeting of August 16, 2022

ITEM: INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN
ALBANY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ARCHITECTNICA

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TYPE OF ITEM: CONSENT

PURPOSE: The purpose of this item is for the Board of Trustees to approve the Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Architechnica to create Construction Drawings and coordinate DSA approval for the Phase Two play structures for Cornell School.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: It was determined that the Cornell School playground renovation project needed to be completed in two phases. Phase One included the elements which did not need to be submitted to DSA for approval because time did not allow for that lengthy process. Phase Two includes those elements which require DSA approval. They are the relocation of the spinning play structure currently at AMS Annex (“Whirlygig”), four handball walls, a large play structure to replace the existing one, and a smaller nature play structure.

DSA requires submission of construction drawings from an architect. Architechnica will provide this service as well as assistance with selection, placement, fall protection, and coordination.

DETAILS: Since this project is under \$60,000 we are permitted to use this informal bidding process. DCA solicited several bids and recommended Architechnica as representing the highest value of services to cost.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION: The \$42,000 will be funded from the portion of the State Facility Grant earmarked for Cornell Playground Improvements.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES ADDRESSED:



Objective #1: *Assess and Increase Academic Success. Goal: We will provide a comprehensive educational experience with expanded opportunities for engagement, assessment, and academic growth so that all students will achieve their fullest potential.*



Objective #2: *Support the Whole Child. Goal: We will foster the social and emotional growth of all students, implement an array of strategies to increase student engagement, identify individual socio-emotional and behavioral needs, and apply collaborative appropriate interventions.*



Objective #3: *Communicate and Lead Together. Goal: All stakeholders will collaborate and communicate about decisions that guide the sites and district.*

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Architechnica to create Construction Drawings and coordinate DSA approval for the Phase Two play structures for Cornell School.