

9. Capital Award for Fire Alarm Upgrades at Walter B. Saul High School (\$1,780,000)

## **Action Item - 9**

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**Board of Education Meeting Date:** 9/19/2024

### **Action Under Consideration**

The Administration recommends that the Board of Education authorize The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or their designee, to execute and perform a contract with the lowest responsible bidder, subject to funding, as follows:

**With:**

Hyde Electric Corporation

**Purpose:**

Replace existing Fire Alarm System

**Authorized Start date:** 9/20/2024

**Authorized End Date:** 6/30/2027

**Compensation not to exceed:** \$1,780,000

**Location:**

Saul, Walter B. High School

**Renewal Option(s):**

n/a

### **Description**

**Why is this contract needed?**

This will replace the existing fire alarm system with a new voice evacuation fire alarm system, with visual strobes, audible speakers, initiation devices, and peripheral equipment. Each building is to have a separate fire alarm panel, which will be networked with fiber optics to form a single fire alarm system for all four buildings.

This project will include new circuit breakers in the existing panelboards and new surface-mounted conduits on existing walls and ceilings to allow for the installation of new fire alarms, electrical devices, and associated wiring. This also includes demolition of the old fire alarm system, including device, back boxes, conduits, and wiring, after the new fire alarm system is programmed, tested, and approved by the AHJ, District, and Engineer.

The contractor is responsible for patching and painting walls to match existing finishes where devices, boxes, and raceways are demolished.

**How is this work connected to the District's plan to achieve Goals and Guardrails?**

Guardrail 1: Welcoming and Supportive Schools - Every school will be safe, welcoming, and healthy where our students, staff, and community want to be and learn daily

**How will the success of this contract be measured?**

The success of this contract will be measured by the completion of the construction work indicated in the approved documents on time and within budget.

The Office of Minority and Small Business (OMSBD) will review and verify MWBE compliance in this contract by verifying monthly or quarterly spending reports for verification and potential auditing. Then, OMSBD will track the spending through our contract compliance checks. The OMSBD will then report to internal and external stakeholders.

**Funding Source(s)**

FY24-25 Capital Budget

FY25-26 Capital Budget

**Office Originating Request:**

Operations - Capital Programs