

## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Frank J. Rogers, County Administrator FJR

From: Clifton M. Tweedy, P.E., Deputy County Administrator

Subject: Brookville High School Renovation Update

Date: July 24, 2023

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### **BACKGROUND:**

On May 2, 2023, the Board accepted an unsolicited proposal from English Construction, Inc. to renovate Brookville High School, made under the Public Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act (PPEA). As required under the PPEA guidelines, the County published a request for additional proposals for the same scope of work. Two additional proposals were received from Blair Construction, Inc. and Jamerson-Lewis Construction, Inc. Copies of all three proposals were provided to the Board for review.

The School Board met on June 7, 2023 to review the proposals and decided to interview the two top rated firms, English Construction and Blair Construction. The entire School Board, with participation of the Joint Committee, conducted interviews on June 26, 2023 at Brookville High School.

### **DISCUSSION:**

A two-hour interview process was conducted with each team, including walkthroughs of the school and extensive questioning. After a thorough discussion, the School Board and the Joint Committee unanimously agreed to rank Blair Construction's proposal as the preferred option for renovation of Brookville High School. In follow-up discussions with a representative from Blair Construction, they would prefer to skip the interim agreement and work toward a comprehensive agreement. This process is expected to take approximately two months to complete.

As required under the PPEA rules a Public Hearing to gather citizen comment on the general project scope or the specific proposals was held on July 18, 2023 at the regular Board meeting. In addition, a representative from Blair Construction is planning to be present to provide an overview of the proposal as part of the public review of the project. The final comprehensive agreement must be approved by the Board at a future meeting before the project is authorized to begin.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

After hearing from Blair Construction, ask any questions about the project, the process, and the proposals to renovate Brookville High School under the PPEA process.