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Floodwood School District Awards Construction Bids for Facility Improvement Projects

Floodwood, MN – The Floodwood School District has taken an important next step in its facility improvement plans by approving construction bids for several major building projects. With bids now awarded, the project is moving from planning into active construction preparation. These efforts are part of the District's ongoing commitment to taking care of its school building so it remains safe, efficient, and dependable for students and the entire Floodwood community.

At its recent School Board meeting, the Board reviewed and approved bids for five main areas of work: general construction, fire suppression, plumbing, heating and ventilation (HVAC), and electrical upgrades. These projects focus primarily on behind-the-scenes systems that help keep the school safe, comfortable, and operating efficiently each day.

The bidding process included multiple contractors in most categories and followed Minnesota's public bidding requirements. After reviewing the proposals, the Board approved the lowest responsible bids that met project specifications. Overall, the total bids came in under the District's planned construction budget, which helps maintain flexibility as the project moves forward.

In addition to the main construction work, the District is moving ahead with upgrades to the school's building controls system. This system helps manage heating, ventilation, and overall building performance. The updated controls system will replace aging equipment and standardize building controls throughout the school. The controls proposal is expected to be formally approved at the next School Board meeting.

Roof replacement bids are also expected soon and will be reviewed at an upcoming meeting. Roofing work will be coordinated carefully with the HVAC improvements to ensure the projects work together efficiently. Because roofing is supported through a state program that begins July 1, that portion of construction will begin after that date.

Construction is scheduled to begin May 1, 2026, with most work taking place over the summer when students are not in the building. The project has a completion deadline in September to ensure spaces are ready for students and staff for the start of the 2026-2027 school year.

Design work on planned site and parking lot improvements also continues, with construction timing to be coordinated separately from this summer's building upgrades to minimize disruption to school and community use.

Throughout the summer, the District will monitor progress closely and hold regular construction meetings to keep the project on track. At the end of the project, the District will receive detailed documentation and training to ensure staff are fully prepared to operate and maintain the new systems.

As the projects move from planning into action, the Floodwood School District will continue keeping the Floodwood community informed each step of the way. Progress on roofing and building improvements will be shared with the community throughout the construction period. For more information, please visit www.isd698.org or contact the district office at 218-476-2285.