BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON AWARD OF CONTRACT
NEW COMBINATION HARFORD ACADEMY AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

05A STEEL PACKAGE

NOVEMBER 23, 2026

Background Information:

Bid documents for the New Combination Harford Academy and Elementary School 05A Steel package was issued and advertised during the month of October 2026. This work includes a trade package related to the steel for constructing the new school building on the project site. The multiple prime construction management process is being used to bid this project, and this early bid is for the 5A prime contractor package. The construction manager, J. Vinton Schafer, recommended early bidding and award of the 5A Structural Steel package due to current market uncertainty, fluctuating steel pricing and extended procurement and fabrication times. By procuring structural steel in advance of the remaining trade packages, HCPS can reduce project schedule risk, improve price certainty and help ensure materials are available to support the planned construction schedule for the New Combination Harford Academy and Elementary School project. Funding in the amount of $189,630,652.00 phased over four (4) fiscal years FY24, FY25 (deferred), FY26, FY27 and FY28, will be provided by the County and State for this project. Bids were received and opened on October 29, 2026.

Discussion:

Three (3) steel specialty contractors submitted bids. S.A. Halac Iron Works, Inc. submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid. There are seven (7) alternates. The sum of the base bid is fifteen million, three hundred thousand dollars ($15,300,000.00). The sum of the alternate 1 is two hundred six thousand dollars ($206,000.00) for a total of fifteen million, five hundred and six thousand dollars (15,506,000.00). The bid tabulation summary sheet is attached. S.A. Halac Iron Works, Inc. has most recently completed the Havre de Grace Middle/High project successfully in Harford County.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the award of contract to S.A. Halac Iron Works, Inc. for the New Combination Harford Academy and Elementary School 05A Steel package for the attached base bid proposal and alternate in the amount of $15,506,000.00.