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From: Mike McGill

Subject: Purchase Request

Pre-owned gas ¾ ton 4 wheel drive pickup truck w/ 8' V plow. Budget: \$18k- \$20k

Pre-owned gas or diesel six wheel 6 ½ yard dump truck, w/12' straight blade plow, Budget: \$8k-\$12k

I am requesting Board approval for the purchase of subject trucks needed for campus maintenance. Specifically seasonal hauling of material, pulling school owned trailer and assist with plowing.

As you know we have farmed out plowing and sanding services to Potts and snow removal to Dirty Boys.

The breakdown is as follows for these services:

**2018-2019**

**Plowing & Sanding: \$16,665.00**

**Snow removal: \$7,167.50**

**2017-2018**

**Plowing and Sanding: \$14,285.00**

**Snow removal: \$4515.00**

**2016-2017**

**Plowing & Sanding: \$14,860.00**

**Snow Removal: \$.00**

**Total 3 year plowing/sanding: \$45,810.00**

**Total 3 year snow removal: \$11,682.50**

**Total 3 year plowing/sanding/snow removal: \$57,492.50**

I believe we could save a portion of the plowing and snow removal cost. We average \$19,164 per year for plowing and sanding. We could handle some of the plowing duties which would save us approximately \$2,000 per year. I would want to keep the plowing service in case I don't have enough staff to take over this task completely.

I propose purchasing a pre-owned six wheel dump truck from a state or a county agency with a 12' straight blade. These trucks are readily available on Craig's list, have low mileage, are well maintained and prices range from \$8k - \$12k for gas or diesel.

This dump truck would also enable us to haul snow from our lot as it piles up. We would have to rent a bucket loader occasionally which I estimate to cost \$2,000 per season. We currently pay and average \$5841.00 per year for snow removal. Bringing this job in house would save us approximately \$3841.00 per year. The savings for snow plowing of \$2,000 per year combined with a \$3841.00 savings in snow removal would save us approximately \$5841.00 per year. During summer this truck could also haul, top soil, pea gravel, rocks, bark chips all of which we currently pay to have delivered. The dump truck would pay for itself in under three years.

Maintenance also needs a used ¾ ton gasoline powered 4 wheel drive pickup with a snow plow to replace a 1995 Ford ½ ton flatbed (former fire department truck). This truck is not suited to handle the job duties around campus. The proposed ¾ ton pickup truck would be used for peripheral plowing, hauling and pulling our trailer which can only be pulled with a ¾ ton truck as it is unsafe to pull with our ½ ton pickup. In addition this truck needs engine work and front end work but is still good for light duty work.

Bottom line: I am requesting Board approval for the purchase of two trucks as described above not to accede a combined total of \$32,000.