

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given the Board of School Trustees, Southwest Allen County Schools (SACS), Fort Wayne, Indiana shall receive sealed bids from experienced and eligible contractors at the Central Maintenance Office, located at 4810 Homestead Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46814.

Until 11:00 am, local time, on March 24, 2026, for:

2026 Playground Improvements at Haverhill, Aboite, and Covington Elementary Schools

Each bid proposal shall include all labor, material and services necessary to complete the projects in strict accordance with the drawings and specifications as prepared by:

Context, LLC (d/b/a Context Design)

Drawings shall be on-file both at Context Design's office and at SACS Central Maintenance Office.

The project scope includes replacing portions of existing playgrounds at each facility, including equipment, surfacing, fencing, and various related site work. Elements of the project may include integration of specialty items procured through cooperative purchasing agencies. Refer to the Bid Form for additional detail.

Bids will be opened and read aloud immediately after the submission of proposals in the Transportation Conference Room of the SACS Central Maintenance Office, located at 4810 Homestead Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46814. Bids received after that time or in another location shall be returned to the bidder unopened.

Plans, specifications, instructions to bidders and bid forms are on file and available at Eastern Engineering's Virtual Planroom: <http://www.easternengineering.com> or are available at the office of Eastern Engineering located at 1239 North Wells Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802, P: (260) 426-3119, F: (260) 426-3101. Digital downloads of plans and specifications shall be paid for (non-refundable) by each bidder.

A **Pre-Bid Conference** will be held on March 10, 2026, at 10:00 am, local time, at Central Maintenance Office, located at 4810 Homestead Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46814. Enter at Door 4. Site visits shall be permitted following the meeting.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check, a cashier's check or a bid bond executed by a surety company which is authorized to do business in the State of Indiana, made payable to the Southwest Allen County Schools and in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the bid. In the event a bidder withdraws its bid or fails to execute a satisfactory contract within ten (10) days after the contract is awarded to such bidder by Southwest Allen County Schools, Southwest Allen County Schools may declare the certified check, cashier's check or bid bond forfeited to Southwest Allen County Schools, as liquidated damages.

A bid may not be modified, withdrawn or cancelled by the bidder for sixty (60) days following the time and date designated for the receipt of bids without the consent of Southwest Allen County Schools.

Southwest Allen County Schools reserves the right to reject any and all bids or waive any or all informalities, irregularities and/or inconsistencies in, or with respect to, any or all bids.

Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bonds in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount shall be required to be provided by the successful bidder to Southwest Allen County Schools or its assignee no later than ten (10) days after the execution of such contract. Such bonds shall remain in full force and effect for a period of twelve (12) months after the date of Substantial Completion.

Dated this 27th day of February 2026.

Board of School Trustees
Southwest Allen County Schools

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