



**Memorandum  
Belmont Public Schools**

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To: Dr. Patricia Aubin  
Superintendent of Schools

From: Dr. Gerry Missal, MCPPO *DM*  
Director of Finance, Administration & Capital Planning

Re: Rejecting HVAC repair bid

Date: April 8, 2009

At their April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, the School Committee awarded the 2009-10 contract for HVAC repair to Bedford Mechanical at their apparent low bid of \$49 per hour. My memorandum of April 1<sup>st</sup> with all of the bids is attached.

Since the contract award, it has come to my attention from Pipefitters Local 537 that the bid by Bedford Mechanical was below the prevailing wage rates for this category of work. As indicated on the attached Prevailing Wage Rates sheet from the MA Division of Occupational Safety, the prevailing wage rates for HVAC and pipefitters are all in the mid-to-upper \$60 per hour range. Bedford Mechanical's bid is clearly below this required rate. Thus, I have no choice but to ask the School Committee to reverse their bid award and to re-bid the contract.

I would recommend that the School Committee, at their April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, reverse their earlier award of the HVAC repair contract to Bedford Mechanical and reject all bids originally received on March 19, 2009. We will re-bid the contract and have a new recommendation back to the School Committee for their meeting of May 5.

cc: Bob Martin, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds  
Kevin Looney, Manager of Town Buildings & Facilities  
Barbara Hagg, Town Accountant  
Rep. Will Brownsberger