



Sole Source Decision

Playground Equipment for Hilltop Elementary School

(Posted to School Board of Hardee County website at 9:00 AM EST on June 13, 2019)

On June 3, 2019, the School Board of Hardee County posted notification on its website (at 11:30 AM EST) that it planned to purchase commercial playground equipment with shipping and installation for Hilltop Elementary School from a specified vendor at a cost of approximately \$64,999. The School Board believed that the commercial playground equipment meeting the following specifications was available only from a single source:

- Suitable for ages 5-12
- Occupancy of up to 50
- Space availability for playground equipment with fall zones is 46' x 46'
- Roof toppers required
- Decks and stairs with railings required
- Barriers required
- Four slides preferred
- Plastic climbers preferred
- No net climbers or overhead ladders for student safety and accessibility
- All-inclusive price of \$65,000 or less

Pursuant to State Board of Education Rule 6A-1.012(12)(d), the School Board requested that other prospective vendors provide information on their ability to supply such commercial playground equipment. A deadline of 11:30 AM EST on June 12, 2019 was established for the School Board to receive information from prospective vendors.

On June 13, 2019, School Board staff verified that no prospective vendor submitted information on its ability to supply commercial playground equipment for Hilltop Elementary.

Pursuant to State Board of Education Rule 6A-1.012(12)(d) and Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, the School Board is providing notice of its intention to purchase commercial playground equipment with shipping and installation for Hilltop Elementary from Creative Recreational Systems, the sole source vendor, at a cost of \$64,999.20. Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under chapter 120, Florida Statutes. A written protest shall be sent to Greg Harrelson, Finance Director at gharrelson@hardee.k12.fl.us.