

RFP #LUSD2019-02 – QUESTIONS

Question: You currently have 6 elementary schools and 1 high school in the district, with Cordes Elementary School scheduled to open for the 2020-2021 school year. Which of those are in scope of this RFP, and what is the anticipated timeline to address each of those locations?

Answer: The scope of this RFP is for Cordes Elementary, to open August of 2020. Anticipated furniture delivery and install would be by July of 2020. This is of course assuming construction goes as planned. We did have a lot of rain that set us back a bit this year. The Professional Development Center (PDC) is on the same property, that is also part of the RFP. The PDC has two traditional offices, will house the tech department and the curriculum coordinators. There is one large room that can hold up to 160 people that can be partitioned into 1/4s, ergo modularity is key.

Question: Your 2013-2018 strategic plan outlines key strategies and objectives for the district including blended/flipped learning and project-based learning. Will the 2019-and-beyond plan include these strategies and/or are there other strategies we should consider incorporating into our proposal?

Answer: We are just finishing the build-out of maker-spaces at all K-8 schools. Moving forward, a maker space will be included in all new builds. So, yes Cordes and the following two schools will all have maker-spaces.

Question: Our professional educational services offering is typically designed in collaboration with the district, although we understand that we will not be able to sit down with you prior to this RFP due date. In lieu of that discussion, do you have a framework that you'd like us to incorporate as we showcase what this could look like?

Answer: We are looking at price-point, modularity, the ability for classrooms to move from small group to whole group easily. We are not a "traditional" classroom district. We use white-board top kidney tables for small group, a more compact work-station for teachers, etc.

Question: Is the committee that will evaluate this proposal the Facilities Committee that is listed on your website? If not, what is the makeup of the evaluation committee?

Answer: The evaluation committee will include the Director of Maintenance and Operations, Director of Business Services, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, Assessment and Technology and me.

Question: When you've worked on similar projects: What did you find successful in your previous partners?

Answer: What we want is delivery of what is promised and when it was promised and good communication. If this doesn't happen we move on to a new company.

Question: What would you like us to improve upon your previous experiences?

Answer: What was mentioned above.