



## ***Education Committee - Board of Representatives***

Megan Cottrell, Chair

Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Tuesday, April 22, 2025

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** *This meeting was held remotely.*

The Education Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Cottrell, Vice Chair Shaw, and Committee Member Reps. Strain, Weinberg, and Williams. Committee Member Reps. Baines and Pierre-Louis were absent. Also in attendance were Reps. Campbell, Pollack, and Stella; Katherine LoBalbo, Director of School Construction; Mike Smith, Director of Facilities Capital Projects; Chris Dellaselva, Law Dept.; and members of the public.

Chair Cottrell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chair Cottrell stated that Item # 2 would be held due to Superintendent Lucero and other Central Office staff being unavailable because of BOE committee meetings that are happening at the same time this evening.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. <a href="#"><u>E31.048</u></a>	APPROVAL; of a proposed contract between the City and Landmark Facilities Group, Inc. for architectural and engineering services for the partial replacement of HVAC system at Northeast Elementary School 03/28/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons <b>04/09/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 4-1-1</b>	<b>Approved 4-0-1</b>

Ms. LaBolba reviewed this item:

This project was authorized during FY23-24 as part of the long term facilities plan.

After a walkthrough four bids were received, two companies were interviewed, and Landmark was determined to be the most qualified.

The project is for architectural and engineering services for the partial replacement of the HVAC system at Northeast Elementary auditorium and cafeteria, and to look into replacement for spaces in the administrative suite.

The cost is \$137,710 with approximately \$18,000 reimbursable.

Indoor air quality grant funding (IAQ) is not available at this time.

A motion to approve Item #1 was made, seconded and approved by a roll call vote of 4-0-1 (Reps. Shaw, Strain, Weinberg, and Williams in favor; Rep. Cottrell abstaining).

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| 2. <a href="#">E31.047</a> | REVIEW; Data-Based analysis of 4x4 hybrid school schedule including its overall efficacy, impact on student mental health, school support accommodations, and students with special needs<br>04/09/25 – Submitted by Reps. Stella, Williams, Campbell and Curtis | <b>Recommitted to Steering 5-0-0</b> |
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Chair Cottrell stated that due to the unavailability of the invited guests it would be best to hold this item. She will be meeting with Vice Chair Shaw, Superintendent Lucero, and BOE President Hyman on April 23, 2025 but feels that a public discussion is important. She will be sending out an email to the BOR to get specific questions on this issue, as many people are very concerned about the new schedule.

A motion to recommit Item #2 to Steering was made, seconded and approved by a voice vote of 5-0-0 (Reps. Cottrell, Shaw, Strain, Weinberg, and Williams in favor).

Vice Chair Shaw stated that the BOE has an extensive presentation and updated FAQ documents. It would be helpful to send these to the full BOR to preview, to see if there are still unanswered questions. These documents can be found at <https://www.stamfordpublicschools.org/departments/teaching-and-learning/flexible-hs-schedule>.

Chair Cottrell adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Megan Cottrell, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).