

Agenda Item Title: Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Benchmark Companies, LLC for Playground Mulch

Board Meeting Date: April 14, 2026

Department: Operations

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Board Agenda Category:

- Consent Agenda
- Action Item
- Reports and Information

Requires City Council Approval: Yes No

Summary

Murfreesboro City Schools seeks approval to utilize a cooperative purchasing agreement with Benchmark Companies, LLC through an existing contract with Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools (Contract #7573587) for the purchase, delivery, and installation of playground mulch on an as-needed basis. This cooperative agreement allows the district to procure these materials at the same pricing and terms competitively awarded by Metro Nashville. The work will occur during the Summer 2026 months to support ongoing maintenance and safety of playground surfaces across the district.

Staff Recommendation

Approve the cooperative purchasing agreement with Benchmark Companies, LLC for playground mulch services.

Fiscal Impact

Costs will be determined on an as-needed basis, not to exceed budgeted limits within the Maintenance budget, and are anticipated to exceed \$50,000.

Connection to MCS's Five-Year Strategic Plan

- Known:** Every student will be *known* through whole-child programs and support.
- Safe:** Every student will be *safe* through equitable access to buildings, facilities, and infrastructure that meets their needs.
- Challenged:** Every student will be *challenged* by learning from highly effective educators and employees.
- Empowered:** Every student will be *empowered* through academic success.