

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **Recommendation of \$500,000 or Greater 16-019N – Athletic and Physical Education, Supplies, Equipment, Uniforms, and Shirts (Catalog)**

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On October 20, 2015, the Board approved item E-2, Termination of Bid 12-050 T – Athletic Equipment and Supplies (Catalog). The thirty (30) day termination date will be effective on November 21, 2015.

This new bid will cover the cost of physical education supplies and equipment, as well as athletics, uniforms, and shirts.

The department of Athletics & Student Activities recommends a funding limit of \$3,500,000 for the next three (3) years. This allocation will allow 29 public high schools and 42 middle schools to purchase athletic apparel and equipment for interscholastic athletic teams. Over 20,000 students participate on middle and high school athletic teams. Interscholastic sports have equipment standards set by the Florida High School Athletic Association, National Federation of State High School Associations, National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment, and other independent foundations. Standards change whether its swimming pool, vaulting equipment, or softball/baseball bats based on new safety requirements. Therefore, based on ever changing standards, new equipment is necessary. Further, all equipment has a life span, whether it is track and field, hurdles, wrestling, and cheerleading mats. The funding limits will allow our schools to purchase the necessary athletic equipment to combatively compete in local, regional, and state athletic competitions.

At each of the 29 high schools, there are 24 athletic teams. The funding limit allows schools to purchase uniforms, hats, and other sports related apparel. For example, the life span of a uniform is less than five years. The wear and tear of apparel requires a school to provide continuous replacement in sports. This same need is also required at the middle school level with 8 sport offerings at 42 middle schools.

The new bid also allows Physical Education (PE) classes to order PE curriculum supplies and equipment for the classes offered for grades K through 12. It enables PE teachers to have the ability to purchase playground balls, jump ropes, equipment for the younger children to use, such as plastic baseball bats and baseballs.

The increase in spending authority attributes to the Drivers Education, Educational Programs & Physical Education receiving a PEP Grant for \$3,000,000 to be spent over a three (3) year period for physical education equipment. There is approximately \$1,000,000 left to spend on physical equipment, about \$355,000 for 2015/2016 and \$645,000 for 2016/2017.

Based on the previous bid, the average monthly expenditure is \$66,095. The current Bid, 12-050T – Athletic Equipment and Supplies (Catalog) currently only covers athletics for middle and high school sports programs and apparel.