

Architect Selection Process

The scope of design services for the implementation of the master plan will be conducted in two phases. Phase I will be the development of the educational specifications. Phase II of the design services includes design services, cost estimating and construction administration of the building projects. Phase II will be conducted only if the bond vote in November of 2010 is successful. The advisory committee followed the process below to recommend Integrus Architecture for Phase I of the project and also for Phase II if the facilities' bond in November is approved by the community.

The architect selection process included five steps:

Written Submittals

The committee reviewed submittals from seven architectural firms. To narrow down the list, the committee reviewed and discussed portfolios from each of the seven candidates and conducted a formal scoring to determine three finalists: Integrus, BLRB and Mahlum.

Project Tours

The committee toured projects designed by the three final candidates: Interlake High School (BLRB), Meadowdale High School (Integrus) and Nathan Hale High School (Mahlum). The tour included a tour of the project by the architect and a private session with school staff and administrators. Committee members scored each project tour.

Reference Check

Members of the committee checked references (superintendents, principals, capital project managers, facility directors and contractors) for the three finalists.

Interviews

Each finalist gave a 30-minute presentation followed by 45 minutes of questions and answers. The committee conducted formal scoring, reviewed tour reports, reference checks and conducted discussions to select the final candidate, Integrus.

Board Approval

The Committee presented its recommendation to the school board on February 25th, 2010. The board unanimously approved the advisory committee's recommendation of Integrus Architecture for the Phase I and II of the project.