

SOUTH KINGSTOWN SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS-#2444

South Kingstown School Department is seeking proposals for the following:

RFP Bid # 2443 Music Instruments and Equipment

Bidders are advised that all materials submitted to the South Kingstown Public Schools for consideration in response to this Request for Proposal shall be considered public record as defined by RIGL Section 38-2, without exception, and may be released for public inspection. All proposals submitted become property of South Kingstown Public Schools.

All bidders should provide an electronic qualification submittal on or before **5/26/2023** by the close of business at the following web address: <https://www.bidnetdirect.com/rhode-island/skschools>, or may mail proposals to South Kingstown Public Schools 307 Curtis Corner Road Wakefield RI 02879. The district reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to consider proposals received after this date.

This Request for Proposal is being utilized for competitive negotiation. Under the competitive negotiation process, a contract may be awarded to the most responsible bidder and/or bidders for which the Proposals are determined to be the most advantageous to the District, taking into consideration price and the evaluation factors set forth in the proposal.

Specifications may be obtained by visiting: <https://www.bidnetdirect.com/rhode-island/skschools> or by contacting Finance Department, 307 Curtis Corner Road, Wakefield, RI 02879 – 2106, at (401) 360-1300. The South Kingstown School Department reserves the right to reject any, and all, proposals, to waive any technical defect or informality in the proposals received, and to accept any of the proposals deemed most favorable to the interest of the school system.

The South Kingstown School Department does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, age, sex, disability or sexual orientation. By submission of your proposal, you agree not to discriminate in named areas.

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About South Kingstown

South Kingstown, Rhode Island is located on the Atlantic Coast, 32 miles south of Providence, Rhode Island, in the village of Wakefield. The town boasts an area of 63 beautiful square miles including two of South County's scenic beaches, tranquil farmlands, and historic landmarks. With a population of 30,650 (RI Census 2018), South Kingstown is the largest town in Washington County and is the largest town (land and water area) in the state of Rhode Island. South Kingstown is also home to the University of Rhode Island.

South Kingstown is committed to preserving open space, forests, farmland, and scenic views to not only protect the quality of our air and drinking water but also preserves the sense of place that our residents and visitors appreciate and that makes this community special.

More about South Kingstown School Department

South Kingstown School Department currently has seven (7) schools that service over 2,600 students. South Kingstown High School is a comprehensive 9 - 12 high school and provides one of the strongest art, music, career technical education, and athletic programs in the state. Curtis Corner Middle School is a 7 - 8 middle school and Broad Rock Middle School is a 5 – 6 middle school. Matunuck Elementary School, Peace Dale Elementary School, and West Kingston Elementary School service K-4. Wakefield Elementary School services PreK. Our schools sit on beautiful grounds that total more than 250 acres and support learning in and out of our school buildings. In FY 2023/24 the district will be restructuring the elementary, middle school, and PreK program which will result in school closures. The district has approximately 290 certified staff (administrators, teachers, counselors, nurses, other) and 114 non-certified staff (clerks, custodians, maintenance, and teacher assistants). The district is proud of its ability to use our financial resources wisely, purposefully, and responsibly to maintain and enhance a high-quality education for all students because it is our belief that our children are our most important asset in the community.

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Notice to Vendors General Terms

South Kingstown Public Schools reserves the right to award contract based on the lowest responsible evaluated bid proposal. In determining the lowest responsive bid proposal based on preferable payment terms will not be considered. No proposal will be accepted if it is made in collusion with any other bidder.

Awards shall be subject to the General Terms set forth herein. Proposal must meet the specifications listed below. Any exceptions or modifications must be noted and fully explained. Bids may be submitted on an "equal in quality" basis. South Kingstown Public Schools reserves the right to decide equality and determine whether bids are responsive. Bidders must indicate brand or make offered and submit detailed specifications if other than brand requested.

Delivery dates must be show in the bid. If no delivery dates are specified, it will be assumed that an immediate delivery from stock will be made. Awards will be made within ninety (90) days of the proposal opening. All proposal prices will be considered firm, unless qualified otherwise.

No goods should be delivered and no work should be started without a Purchase Order from the South Kingstown Public Schools.

Scope of Work-Deliverables

The district is looked to secure pricing for the items listed in the attached listing. Please note that South Kingstown Public Schools reserves the right to award to multiple bidders.

Proposal Submission Requirements

- Proposal must show \$0 taxes (School Department can provide tax exempt paperwork)
- Delivery must be M-F between 9:00 am and 3:30 pm Peace Dale Elementary 109 Kersey Road, Wakefield, RI 02879

Questions regarding solicitation should be sent to Raquel Pellerin rpellerin@sksd-ri.net.

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