



**LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
FOR
CASH RENT FARM LEASE**

PART I—GENERAL INFORMATION

BACKGROUND

The LH School District has completed the NEW high school located at 4101 Summit Road, Pataskala, Ohio on the corner of Cable and Summit Road. The building itself comprises approximately 40 acres on an area of 154 acres of land (pictures of the plots are illustrated in the next section). While there are protected wetlands on the site that cannot be farmed, there are large areas that can be farmed. As well, there are approximately 9 acres near the corner of Mink and Cable Road on the Middle School property that is available to farm. As a means to be good neighbors to our community, we are seeking proposals from local farmers who might have an interest in farming this land, a total of approximately 74 acres.

PROPOSALS SOLICITED

The specific tracts of land available to farm, all in Licking County, are highlighted on the attached map. This land lease will be available for one calendar year, effective November 1, 2020 through November 1, 2021. If the land is deemed available for farming after this period, a subsequent RFP shall be drafted for each year thereafter.

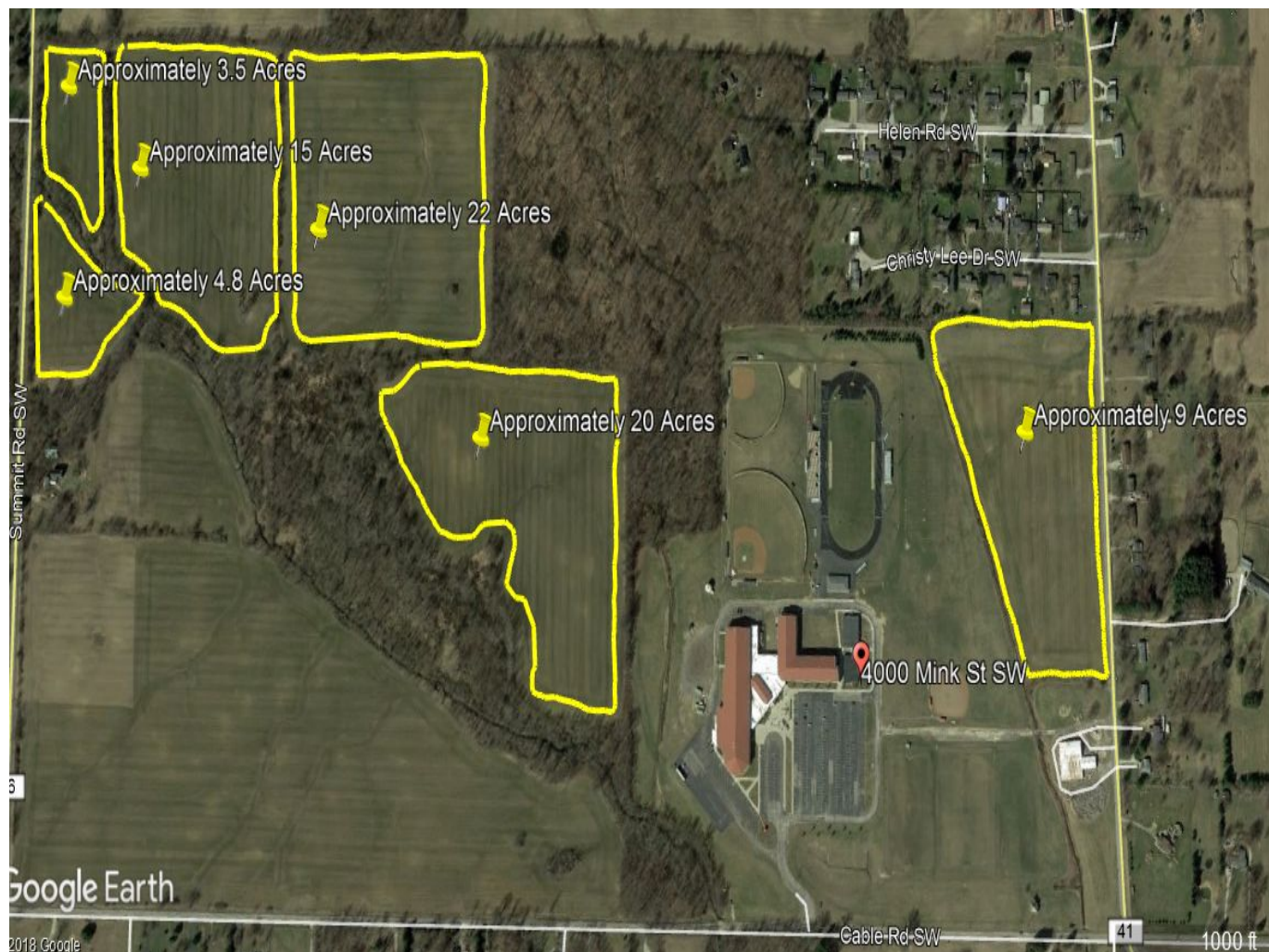
Any local farmer interested in farming all of the land available is asked to submit a sealed, written proposal to include the following:

- Proposed amount to be paid per acre
- Proposed payment schedule (e.g. twice per year, lump sum)
- Proposed crops to be planted during the time period
- Statement of maintaining liability insurance for farming operations on said premises in amounts not less than \$100,000/\$300,000 for bodily injury and \$25,000 for property damage liability.
- Statement of maintaining Worker's Compensation Insurance in compliance with the laws of Ohio.

All sealed bids shall be opened and reviewed on Thursday, October, 29, 2020 at 1 p.m. The winning proposal shall be notified via email and phone no later than Friday, October 30, 2020 at 1 pm.

The farmer with the winning proposal shall also be responsible for keeping a record of any and all soil improvements made to the land (e.g., fertilizers used), downed tree cleanup and broken tiles that may need repaired.

The proposed plots of land are indicated in the following graphic:



TIMEFRAME

All proposals shall be delivered to the following address by Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Licking Heights Local School District
C/o Cash Rent Farm Lease
6539 Summit Road SW
Pataskala, OH 43062

If there are questions regarding this RFP process, please contact the Director of Business Operations, Dan Miller at (740) 927-6926 ext. 10601. Proposals must be delivered to and received prior to the deadline noted above. There will be no exceptions. Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered for award.

EVALUATION

The evaluation criteria and the relative weights for scoring are provided below. The evaluation team will consider these elements in the evaluation process.

RANKING CRITERIA	POINTS (TOTAL 65)
1. Proposed Price Per Acre	25
2. Payment Schedule	20
3. Proposed crops to be planted	20
TOTAL	65

LH Schools reserves the right to request Best and Final Offers from all qualified respondents.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION/FORMAT

SUBMISSION ADDRESS

All proposals must be clearly marked with the individual’s name and address. Proposal packages must be delivered to and received prior to the deadline.

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