

## **CONSIDERATION OF THE 2024 ERATE CATEGORY 1 & 2 BID PROPOSALS**

### **Action Item:**

Jefferson ISD receives an allocation of funding through the Universal Service Administration Company, a division of the FCC, to use for internet and computer networks. Category 1 funding is to be used for internet connectivity and network connections between buildings. Category 2 funding is to be used for equipment and network equipment within buildings. This year JISD will receive 80% reimbursement for the cost of approved projects. For Category 1 we received qualified RFPs from 4 companies. Based upon evaluations of the proposals, Mr. Patrick recommends awarding a 5-year contract to ETEX Phone Coop.

For Category 2 we received qualified RFPs from 3 companies. Based upon evaluations of the proposals, Mr. Patrick recommends awarding Cynergy the bid for the replacement of switches on two campuses in the district.

Mr. Patrick will be available for further explanation and to answer any questions.

### **Superintendent's Recommendation:**

I recommend to approve the Category 1 & 2 bids as suggested by Mr. Jay Patrick.

### **Suggested Motion:**

I move to approve the Category 1 bid for ETEX Phone Coop and the Category 2 bid for Cynergy.