

School Board Workshop:

March 9, 2020

Subject:

Joint Powers Agreement Among West Metro
School Districts for Network Collaboration

Presenter:

Dr. Mat Nelson, Director of Technology

SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

Review

DESCRIPTION:

The purpose of this Joint Powers Agreement ("JPA") is to enable members to collectively apply as a consortium for eligible E-Rate (a Federal Program) and Telecommunication Equity Aid (a State of Minnesota Program), as well as collectively procure network services. This July, we will be updating our Internet Service Provider (ISP) contract and transitioning from Sourcewell (TIES) to Arvig Communications. In years past, Sourcewell (TIES) served both as our Internet Service Provider and an appropriate consortium, and as such they filed for us to receive our Telecommunication Equity Aid. Looking ahead to the future, with our new Internet Service Provider, we identified the need to join an eligible consortium to be able to apply for us to receive our Telecommunication Equity Aid. Please note that there are no financial obligations or commitments included in this agreement and by joining this consortium we will be eligible to receive the Telecommunication Equity Aid.

ATTACHMENTS

- **WMSN Joint Powers Agreement**