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Item: Internet Access and Leased WAN

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the bid from Metronet to provide Kent ISD with resilient Internet access and WAN connectivity for Center Programs not currently served by Kent ISD–owned fiber. This solution will deliver connectivity to the Knapp Data Center, along with a resilient DDoS protected 10 Gbps Internet circuit, at an annual cost of **\$36,600**.

For comparison, Kent ISD is currently paying \$38,994.48 annually to Comcast for a 1 Gbps, no DDoS protection, equivalent service.

BACKGROUND

Kent ISD currently leases fiber from Comcast to connect the KEC-Oakleigh and Mayfield (Empower U Central) satellite Center Programs. Comcast also provides a resilient Internet connection at the Knapp location, which is primarily used to support “bring your own device” (BYOD) access for staff and students.

To evaluate renewal or replacement options for these services, Kent ISD issued an E-Rate bid. Metronet submitted the most competitive proposal, offering significantly higher bandwidth and improved pricing compared to the existing service.

BIDS:

Vendor	Include WAN sites	10gbps	Amount
Comcast	Yes	10g Transport only, 5g ISP	\$68,940/yr
ATT	Yes	Yes	\$46,620/yr
Metronet	Yes	Yes	\$36,600/yr
123Net	No	No, only 5g ISP	\$29,400/yr just internet portion

Note: Our intention is to use Category 1 e-rate funding for 50% of this purchase