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TO Board of Education
FROM Niko Bubaris, Director of Technology
Karen Apostoli, Executive Director of Business & Operations
DATE October 15, 2026
SUBJECT Server & Storage Purchases

This memo is:

- ☐ Information only.
- ☐ Information with a recommendation and a request for Board consent.
- ☒ Information with a recommendation and a request for Board approval by vote.

Date by which a Board decision is needed: November 5, 2026

Previous memos on this topic can be found:

- ☒ in previous Board packet(s) dated: September 3, 2026
- ☐ or attached to this memo

Basic Information/Overview	The administration is asking the Board to consider and vote on the purchase of new servers.
Strategic Plan Goal Alignment	Goal #5 - SMART Resources
Background or historical information	The District's Technology Infrastructure requires updating. Servers, in particular, are the backbone of the district's technology as they support critical features such as the heating/cooling system, phone system, fob entry system, and video system. Quotes - SHI using Dell through Onmia Co-op <u>Main DNS Servers & Camera Servers</u>- Using Fortinet, a backup firewall, to assume the role of the DNS. This serves the purpose of replacing/upgrading our existing DNS Servers, and provides a backup firewall, which is best practice. Fortinet FortiGate901G - \$67,500.00 PowerEdge Servers (cameras) - \$209,114 Total for Servers: \$276,614 <u>Storage</u>- Necessary for both the additional 250 cameras and to store up to 3 months of video <u>with those cameras</u>. Total for Storage: Read Cache Storage Arrays - \$691,529.00 <u>Total Project Cost: \$968,143.00</u>

Previous decisions, actions or	
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parameters that relate to this topic or issue	
Recommendation	The administration recommends the Board vote to approve the replacement of the main DNS Servers & Camera Servers for \$276,614 and \$691,529 for the additional camera storage, for a total of \$968,143.00.
Other Questions	