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Server Infrastructure Upgrade and VMware Migration

Purpose
To present the proposed server infrastructure upgrade and VMware migration project for Board of Education review and approval, addressing aging hardware, escalating software costs, and long-term fiscal efficiency.

Key Parameters
- The current contract rate requires $64,000 per year totaling $192,000 over three years.
- The oldest server currently operating across the district has reached six years of service.
- Formal notice must be delivered to the current vendor by December 31, 2026.
- The upgrade project must reach full completion by March 1, 2027.

Financial Impact and 3-Year Projection
- The current path requires $192,000 over a three-year period based on $64,000 per year.
- The proposed capital investment for this year requires $64,625.00.
- Ongoing Microsoft compliance totals $4,365.00 each year.
- The total cost under the new proposal reaches $77,720.00 across three years.
- The total projected three-year savings amount to $114,280.00 while yielding roughly $187,000 in post-upgrade savings over a three-year outlook.

Process and Timeline
- Preliminary technology reviews and presentations occur before the Board as an information item during November.
- Board discussion and possible formal approval are scheduled for the December meeting to meet the December 31, 2026 vendor notification deadline.
- Formal vendor notification regarding contract non-renewal must take place by December 31, 2026.
- Project completion must occur by March 1, 2027 to lock in financial savings and maintain compliance.

Administrative Recommendation
This report is presented as an Information Item for the Board of Education review, with formal action and possible approval anticipated at the December meeting.