

Date: February 3, 2025  
To: Dr. Jennifer Norrell, Superintendent of Schools  
East Aurora School District 131 Board of Education  
From: Andrew Allen, Executive Director of Information Systems/CIO  
Subject: ERATE Bid

**Background:**

We made three (3) requests/bids through the ERATE Portal in December, 2024. We requested 20 Network rack battery backups, 10 network racks, and a 3-year Palo Alto license renewal. The district received multiple responses from vendors.

**Board Policy and Past Practices:**

Pursuant to Board Policy 4:60, the Superintendent shall manage the district's purchases and contracts in accordance with State law, the standards set forth in the policy, and other applicable Board of Education policies.

**Strategic Plan:**

This recommendation supports the Strategic Goal #2, Operational Excellence that states the following: East Aurora School District 131 will align and utilize systems and resources that promote Operational Excellence, Efficiency, and Fiscal Accountability.

**Next Steps:**

The district will accept the bids/requests from the vendors below. This will initiate the review process from ERATE before we can move forward with the projects.

- Network Rack Battery Backups- Qubit Networks, \$38,862
- Network Racks- CDW-G, \$4,246
- Palo Alto 3-Year License Renewal- Howard Technologies \$148,975