Board Agenda Item Overview

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Meeting Date: February 18, 2025

Meeting Type: Regular

Item Category: Consent Item

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Item Name: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RFP # 250007822 FOR NETWORK FIBER AND CONNECTION EQUIPMENT FOR SCHOOLS OPENING IN 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Item Summary: The purpose of RFP # 250007822 is to select vendors that will provide network fiber and connection equipment for schools opening in the 2026-2027 school year. This type of award follows E-Rate requirements and is beneficial to the district as it provides the district with competitive bids that meet our technical requirements.

E-Rate is a FCC program that makes telecommunications and information services more affordable for schools by utilizing Universal Service Funds to provide a discount on telecommunications, internet access, and internal network connections.

Recommendation: Administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the selected vendors for network fiber connections and for the purchase of network equipment for schools opening in the 2026-2027 school year as per the attached tabulation.

- Leased Dark Fiber: PS Lightwave
- <u>Network Equipment</u>: RockIT Consulting

Policy Reference: CH (Local)

Leadership Definition Alignment: Plan for Success

Strategic Plan Alignment: N/A

Currently Budgeted? Xes ON No Budgetary Impact

Completion or Implementation Timeline: July 2026

