

School Board Workshop/Meeting: March 23, 2020

Subject: Joint Powers Agreement Among West Metro School Districts for Network Collaboration

Presenter: **Scott Thielman, Superintendent**

SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

Recommend approval

DESCRIPTION:

The purpose of this Joint Powers Agreement ("JPA") is to enable members to collectively apply as a consortium for eligible E-Rate (a Federal Program) and Telecommunication Equity Aid (a State of Minnesota Program), as well as collectively procure network services. This July, we will be updating our Internet Service Provider (ISP) contract and transitioning from Sourcewell (TIES) to Arvig Communications. Looking ahead to the future, with our new Internet Service Provider, we identified the need to join an eligible consortium to be able to apply for us to receive our Telecommunication Equity Aid. Please note that there are no financial obligations or commitments included in this agreement and by joining this consortium we will be eligible to receive the Telecommunication Equity Aid.

ATTACHMENTS: