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To: The Board of Education and Dr. Patrick Broncato, Superintendent
From: Curt Saindon, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services/CSBO
Josh Halverson, Director of Information Technology Services
Date: January 9, 2026
Subject: FY2026-2027 E-Rate Purchase Recommendation (E-Rate Plan Year 29)

In November, we obtained approval to order replacement devices purchased outside of the Federal E-Rate Technology Program (Chromebooks, Laptops, Monitors, Docking Stations, TV's, etc.) and in December, we discussed the items (UPS/APC devices) to be purchased as part of Year 29 of the E-Rate program. We recently completed the review process for those items and have confirmed with the winning bidder the pricing for the two devices we intend to purchase. One will cost \$608 and the other \$1,412, with final pricing locked in when the purchase order is cut. We are asking for Board approval to purchase this equipment with the school district paying for 40% (about \$808) and the Federal Government paying for 60% (about \$1,212). This year's E-Rate application is very light as we have begun a new five year procurement cycle from the E-Rate Capital Funding Block Program. For next year, we are still under our current internet service and fiber contracts with ENA, Comcast and Clearwave, so those contracts are not up for renewal at this time. Upon Board approval, we would complete and file a Form 471 in the E-Rate portal, notifying everyone who we have selected for the items to be purchased. We are also asking the Board to approve the CIPA acknowledgment as part of our participation in the 2025-2026 Federal E-Rate Program. Attached are the related files and information. If you have any questions, please let me know.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board approve the purchase of two UPS/APC devices from TNI Professionals of Morton Grove, IL at a total estimated cost of \$2,020 (the district share is \$808) under Year 29 of the Federal E-Rate Technology Program. Funds for this purchase have been budgeted in the IT Department's Education Technology Equipment Account. Additionally, the Administration would also ask that the Board, in accordance with Federal E-Rate Program Participation Guidelines, acknowledge that the School District is in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). Specifically, that the school district purchases, maintains and monitors web content software and web filtering software, regarding the daily use of school district owned devices and networks, to help ensure that students do not have access to inappropriate images, videos or content that may be harmful to, or inappropriate for, children. Finally, that said purchases and said CIPA compliance are all being done in accordance with current E-Rate guidelines and program rules, in consultation with the school district's E-Rate consulting firm, Infinite Connections.