



Complete and submit this form, along with any supplemental documentation, to the Office of the President by 5:00pm on the seventh day prior to the Board meeting.

**Date of Board Meeting:** March 28, 2023

**Subject:** Firewall Upgrade

**Recommendation:** Approve the use of Plant Fund resources to implement the FortiGate Firewall system.

**Background and Rationale:**

WCJC's current and future technology needs require an improved network infrastructure. In February 2023, The WCJC Board of Trustees approved the upgrade of the WCJC firewall from iSensor to Fortigate. This upgrade will result in an annual savings of approximately \$45,000 per year (total five-year savings of \$225,000). The Department of Information Technology currently has \$82,000 available in the FY 2023 budget to support the transition to FortiGate and is requesting approval to utilize an additional \$103,000 from the WCJC MIS Plant Fund to allow for completion of the project in the current fiscal year.

**Cost and Budgetary Support:** \$103,000 (to be transferred from the MIS plant fund); no additional cost required through FY 2028

**Strategic Priority Alignment:**

- Student Success
- Resource Optimization
- Community Impact
- Institutional Excellence

**Resource Person(s):** Amanda Allen, Ed.D.; VP of Strategy, Enrollment Management, and Technology

**Signatures:**

02/20/23  
 Cabinet-Level Supervisor Date

**President's Approval:**

3/21/23  
 President Date