

Consider approval of purchase of Google Workspace licenses

1. Background:

Southwest ISD has been a Google district since 2016, and we have been using Google's upgraded Workspace for Education Plus platform since 2023. This gives the district access to advanced instructional tools, advanced cybersecurity tools, and more storage space than their free platform allows for. Google is modifying its licensing model for renewals, and that would affect the district beginning in February 2026. Beginning next year, this licensing change would increase the annual cost for the district from \$71,250 to about \$110,000.

2. Process:

While gathering quotes for the upcoming school year, CDWG responded with one quote for our expected annual cost, and another quote with a three-year option. This three-year option would protect the district from the new licensing model for the next three years, and comes at a lower annual cost per year than we would otherwise pay for the current year.

3. Fiscal Impact:

The annual cost for the three-year option would be \$63,750, for a three-year total of \$191,250. The estimated total cost of renewing annually would be approximately \$291,250 over the next three years. The overall savings would be approximately \$100,000. The licenses would be paid for with budgeted local funds.

4. Recommendation:

That the Board approve the purchase of Google Workspace licenses on a three-year agreement.

5. Required:

Board action.