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CALALLEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE: March 2, 2026

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: **Consider approval of Network Firewall Replacement and Installation Services Contract**

PRESENTER: **Kelsey Ramos, Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations**

☐ Presentation/Communications ☐ Consent ☒ Action
☐ Informational Report ☐ Old Business ☐ Discussion Only

SUMMARY: The District's Network Firewall is the primary security device which protects our network. The technology term "firewall" comes from the architectural practice of placing a brick wall between two structures, to prevent a fire in one structure from spreading to the other structure. A network firewall provides a security barrier to control network traffic both into and out of an organization's network. The District's network firewall is at the end-of-life and needs to be replaced.

The District is seeking funding reimbursement for this project from the E-Rate Category 2 program, therefore, we followed the specific E-Rate program requirements for procurement. A certified E-Rate FCC Form 470 was sent out through E-Rate on January, 27, 2026, stating Calallen ISD was accepting proposals for Firewall Replacement, and Installation Services. The deadline for submitting proposals was February 24, 2026.

Information on the top ranked proposal deemed the most highly qualified provider and deemed best value to the needs of the District will be provided at the board meeting.

DISTRICT PRIORITIES:

PRIORITY 1: Building and Sustaining a Culture of Performance and Preparedness for Life Beyond High School	N/A
PRIORITY 2: Building and Sustaining a Culture of Faculty and Staff Commitment	N/A
PRIORITY 3: Increasing Community Engagement and Commitment	N/A

PRIORITY 4: Ensuring Effective and Efficient Operations	4.1 Strong Financial Stewardship 4.2 Operational Efficiencies and Processes

RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends the board approve the Network Firewall Replacement and Installation Services Contract as presented.

MOTION LANGUAGE: ☒ No specific language required.

FUNDING SOURCE AND FINANCIAL IMPACT: ☐ Not Applicable

Funding Source: General Operating Funds Technology Budget	Financial Impact: ***$TBD***