



Board Meeting Date: Mar. 13, 2023

Title: Cybersecurity as a Service Agreement with Arctic Wolf

Type: Consent

Presenter(s): Natasha Monsaas-Daly

Description: Cyber threats continue to be one of the largest issues facing the K-12 education sector. The threat landscape has increased exponentially over the past 5 years (as evidenced by recent events in neighboring school districts). Edina Public Schools continues to maintain our efforts to secure that the data of all our students and staff is safe. However, the challenge to do so has only increased. Additionally, cyber insurance requirements have called for increased safeguards to the district's infrastructure.

In partnership with the West Metro Consortium (Eden Prairie Schools, Edina Public Schools, Hopkins Public Schools, Osseo Area Schools, Richfield Public Schools, and Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District), we meet monthly to discuss ongoing cyber threats, perform scans on partner districts, receive consultation and support, and discuss ongoing cyber needs. This consortium jointly met with Arctic Wolf, which is a security-as-a-service provider. Arctic Wolf provides "visibility, monitoring, response, and mediation of all our security events." It is not something that Edina Public Schools can currently maintain with its current infrastructure (human and technical). It was determined that Arctic Wolf provides the best fit and collaboration for our organization at this time. It will allow consortium partners to continue to partner to combat cyber threats, as well as receive discounted rates on services.

In consultation with Ryan Kleinjan, of Catalyst Sourcing, we determined that this product will meet the needs of Edina Public Schools. It will allow us to significantly increase our cybersecurity posture, mitigate and mediate threats, partner with our consortium districts, and meet existing cyber insurance requirements.

Recommendation: Approve via Consent

Desired Outcomes from the Board: None at this time

Attachments: Price Quote from Arctic Wolf