



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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SUBJECT: Tri-District eRate Consortium

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Type of report: Informational only report – Presentation

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Preview of purpose and content of report: Below provides a brief overview of the timeline and process that was taken to get us to the present status seeking all three boards approval.

Budgetary Impact: \$0 (at this point, additional funding dependent on future projects that will be presented to all three boards)

Data to be presented: Informational report for board meeting December 6, 2016

District goals aligned to the report: Goal Area 1 (Strengthen Teacher and School Leadership Capacity), Goal Area 2 (Build Collaborative Expertise), Goal Area 4 (Resources Stewardship)

Throughout the past three years I have been meeting with our district partners (D90 & D200) along with the Village of Oak Park, Park District of Oak Park, and Oak Park Public Library collaborating with one another around numerous topics and work. As part of that work, the school districts have identified that by creating a consortium we will have the ability to share resources (i.e. through a fiber link to one another) and/or leverage the consortium for buying power. Over the last six to nine months the three districts began planning and architecting an agreement that will make this a reality. Through communication with all three district's leadership we (technology department leaders) along with our attorneys met, discussed, collaborated, debated and agreed on language that will provide an extremely beneficial consortium to be levered in the future by all parties. The agreement that is attached to this

memo provides the ability for all of our districts to join together in ways to be more efficient, serve our communities more effectively and in ways that could provide savings to all along the way. While all three districts will not be able to leverage this agreement until the following eRate season (2017-2018 SY), this agreement will provide us the ability to plan for that now, which is required for many projects that each technology department undertakes for the betterment of our respective districts. This consortium will not affect the current individual filing for eRate for all three districts.

In addition to this memo and attached agreement, all three districts have included a brief slide deck to provide an overview answering the, “what and why” for this agreement. District 90 and District 200 will have this as an agenda item and approval item in the month of December (potential approval in January depending on their meeting dates).

We believe this is a stepping-stone to not only opportunities with the school districts, but a step to create a similar relationship with other entities in the Village of Oak Park and River Forest.