



ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

MEETING DATE: March 18, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: Purchase of Student Chromebooks Using Emergency Connectivity Funds

PRESENTER: Brooks Moore, Executive Director of Technology

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- Per Board Policy CH (Local), any single, budgeted purchase of goods or services that costs \$50,000 or more, regardless of whether the goods or services are competitively purchased, shall require Board approval before a transaction may take place.
- The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) created the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) to help schools and libraries provide tools to close the learning gaps in response to COVID.
- In 2022, Aledo ISD applied for, and was awarded, \$857,000.00 in “ECF Wave 1” for the purchase of Chromebooks and an additional \$519,709.50 in “ECF Wave 3” for the purchase of Chromebooks.
- The Board of Trustees approved the purchase of all Chromebooks included in “ECF Wave 1” at the February 28, 2022 and June 20, 2022 regular board meetings.
- Administration will solicit quotes and bring an action item to the April 2024 board meeting to request approval to spend all “ECF Wave 3” funds to purchase approximately 1,600 Chromebooks.
- The deadline to spend this “ECF Wave 3” funding is June 30, 2024.

FISCAL INFORMATION:

The \$519,709.50 cost of these student Chromebooks will be paid from the Emergency Connectivity Fund Wave 3 award.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

None - Information Report