
Board of Education

INFORMATION

TITLE: Current Proposals, Bids and Renewal

DATE: April 26, 2021

RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR: Charles Warren, CFO

VISION 2023 STRATEGY: Strategy 6. Technology

BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:

The following is information related to current bids and proposals. Award status may be pending agreement on final pricing and contract.

1. Campus Wireless Hardware E-Rate Category 2

Requested by: Mr. Vance Gregory, Executive Director of Technology

Selection Method: Request for Proposal

Funding Source: Operating Funds

Award: NextStep Innovation, Arkansas Vendor

Bid Count: Five (Four Arkansas Vendors, One Out of State Vendor)

Additional Information: This bid is to procure wireless equipment for 3 secondary schools and 4 elementary schools. The wireless equipment on all 7 campuses will be replaced in order to provide current and future network bandwidth needs, as well as maintain vendor support and up-to-date equipment. Purchases will be made once Federal E-Rate funding is approved for these projects. Funding for this project is supplemented by Federal E-Rate funding at a discount rate of 80% of the total cost.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an information item. No recommendation is required.

VISION 2023 STRATEGIES - **1. Career Planning:** Develop and implement education and career pathways so that each student graduates with a viable plan and relevant skill set for his or her future. **2. Equity:** Develop and implement a system-wide plan to provide all students with the resources they need to optimize their learning. **3. Instruction:** Design, develop and implement programs to promote rigor, relevance, collaboration, critical- thinking skills and learning environments designed to meet each student's unique needs and aspirations. **4. Learning Environment/Facilities:** Align resources, facilities and technology strategically and equitably across the district to maximize security and enhance the learning environment. **5. Staffing:** Recruit and retain highly-qualified faculty, staff and administration. **6. Technology:** Provide appropriate technology that is consistently available, effectively supported and equitably distributed for group and individual instruction. **7. Wellness:** Develop and train empathetic and nurturing employees to be sensitive to and supportive of the needs of all children and families.