

Box Elder School District

Request for Budget for IT Upgrades

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve an additional budget for IT upgrades.

Background: The backup power supplies, known as UPS, are nearing end of life. Many of these are failing and require new batteries often. This is a power protection device that provides emergency backup power when the main power source fails. It helps prevent data loss, hardware damage, and downtime by supplying short-term electricity to critical devices such as computers, servers, and networking equipment including wireless access points and telephones. In the event of power loss, the District phone system will not function. In times of emergency, the likelihood of losing electrical power from the grid is high, and we are attempting to increase the time that our phones and communication devices are available for staff and personnel to use.

Policy Implications: None

Financial Implications: For the 2025-26 school year the cost to replace the UPS devices in schools would be approximately \$600,000. Approximately 30% of the cost would be paid using eRate Funds. The remaining would be paid using Capital Outlay Funds.

Staff Implications: None at this time.