



Gregory-Portland Independent School District

BOARD MEMORANDUM

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DATE: Monday February 23, 2026

SUBJECT: Consider Approval of Contract Renewal for RFP # 260003261 Leased Lit
Fiber - IA

PRIORITIES:

PRIORITY 1: EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT PERFORMANCE

N/A

PRIORITY 2: HIGH PERFORMING AND ENGAGED WORKFORCE

N/A

PRIORITY 3: QUALITY SERVICE AND IMPACTFUL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

N/A

PRIORITY 4: EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE DISTRICT AND CAMPUS OPERATIONS

4.3 Ensure Strategic Alignment of Resources

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Beginning July 1, 2026, a new E-rate cycle will begin. Under the Universal Service Administrative Company Federal Funding, Category One supported services include the services needed to support broadband connectivity to schools and libraries. Eligible Category One services are listed in the entries for data transmission and/or Internet access. This category consists of the services that provide broadband to eligible locations including data links that

connect multiple points, services used to connect eligible locations to the Internet, and services that provide basic conduit access to the Internet. A Leased Lit Fiber – IA connection facilitates a dedicated 10 GB fiber-optic internet connection for the district. The E-rate filing deadline is Wednesday March 4, 2026. The Original Request for Proposals was posted on October 29, 2025. Proposals were received before the close date of 12/8/2025. Proposals were evaluated by network administration committee.

Proposals received:

Astound Business Solutions

Spectrum Enterprise

Fiberlight

Sparklight

Frontier Southwest Incorporated

Foremost Telecommunications

RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee recommends to approve the renewal of a 3-year contract with Spectrum as the Leased Lit Fiber - IA Provider for E-Rate cycle 26.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$4,800 for 2026-27. By following the strict guidelines and timetables of the E-Rate program, the District has received an 80% discount for our internet access bill and all related costs paid by the E-Rate Federal program. Funding amounts are based on poverty levels.

BOARD RELATED POLICY:

CH (LEGAL)

CV (LEGAL)

CVE (LEGAL)

ACTION ITEM SUGGESTED MOTION (if applicable):

The Board accept the administration's recommendation of awarding a contract renewal to Spectrum to provide Leased Lit Fiber - IA for the district in accordance with RFP#260003261 beginning July 1, 2026, for a period of three years with two additional consecutive one-year, voluntary extensions.