
BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Information/Discussion: _____

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Item: State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Purchase

Submitted by: Glen Finkel

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Recommended by: Glen Finkel

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Kent ISD School Board approve the purchase of CrowdStrike Endpoint Detection and Response Licenses through the MiSecure approved contract (OMNIA Partners). OMNIA meets state and local procurement requirements. These licenses will be purchased for and distributed to our constituent districts. The purchase will be contingent on final approval of Kent ISD's SLCGP application and will not exceed a cost of \$147,936.

BACKGROUND:

In the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Congress established the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) to "award grants to eligible entities to address cybersecurity risks and cybersecurity threats to information systems owned or operated by, or on behalf of, state, local, or tribal governments." Within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are implementing this authority through the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. The State of Michigan was awarded a \$4.7M grant for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022.

Kent ISD, on behalf of its constituent districts, applied for these grant funds to procure Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR) licenses for two years. This software serves multiple benefits for the districts:

1. Improves the district's Cybersecurity Maturity and aligns to best practices
2. Replaces traditional anti-virus software
3. Relieves the financial burden of purchasing this software with general fund dollars
4. Begins to build a regional model for cyber security practices and collaboration

Kent ISD was awarded \$147,936 to begin this work. Working in collaboration with MAISA, MiSecure, and MichIT, our intention is to purchase licenses from the contracts that have been established at the state level