



Executive Summary Finance Committee Meeting

DATE: April 20, 2023

TOPIC: E-Rate Category I – AT&T Business Class Internet Access

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Recommended for:

- ☒ Action
- ☒ Discussion
- ☒ Information

Purpose/Background:

The District's current contract for 1000 Mbps of Internet service is well intact and is set to expire in July 2024. The District is in a somewhat vulnerable spot as we currently only have internet accessibility using a single connection. Through the E-Rate program, the District has requested proposals from vendors for additional Internet services to be installed at a different location on campus, thus providing the district with access to resources in the case of primary internet failure.

Only a single vendor submitted a proposal for this project and after it was reviewed and discussed, AT&T earned the highest score. The Administration has attached the E-Rate service provider's evaluation worksheet as well as AT&T's Agreement.

By selecting an additional service with AT&T, this would help fortify the internet backbone and infrastructure for redundancy. Though the district will have to utilize internal funds to purchase additional networking equipment, having a redundant connection available will help keep the critical district systems up and running and keep the disruption for staff and students down to a minimum. The new Agreement with AT&T is eligible for a 40% savings due to E-Rate.

District Legal Counsel has reviewed the contract and found it acceptable as they remain largely unchanged from the prior version that was approved in 2020.

Vendor	Total
AT&T	\$1,440.00

Fiscal Impact:

\$120.00 per month. The total yearly cost is \$1,440.00. The District should anticipate an E-Rate reimbursement of \$576.00.

Recommendation:

It is the Administrative recommendation that the Finance Committee concurs to recommend to the Board of Education to accept this Agreement from AT&T for additional internet services to be used for redundancy in the amount of \$120.00 per month from July 2023 to July 2024.