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Item: WAN Hardware Approval Update
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Date: 1.5.2026
Board Meeting Date: 1.12.2026

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Kent ISD School Board approve $124,814.56 in additional funding for the WAN Hardware Refresh project (Approved by Kent ISD school board in April 2025).

BACKGROUND:

Subsequent to project approval by the Kent ISD school board, changes to E-Rate eligibility and funding resulted in a reduction to the anticipated reimbursement for the WAN Hardware Refresh project awarded to the approved vendor, People Driven.

Specifically, the following factors impacted E-Rate funding:

- Certain licensing costs were deemed ineligible
- The E-Rate reimbursement percentage was reduced from 60% to 50%
- Annual support was reduced from three years to one year

As a result, E-Rate did not fund $124,814.56 of the project cost.

The total bid from People Driven was $670,089.67 prior to E-Rate discounts. With the originally anticipated Category 1 E-Rate funding applied, Kent ISD's projected cost was approximately $268,035.87. Due to the E-Rate changes noted above, Kent ISD is now responsible for an additional $124,814.56.