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## BOARD AGENDA ITEM

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Item: Wide Area Network Fiber Maintenance

Submitted by: Tim Lillis

Recommended by: Glen Finkel

Date: 1.26.2026

Board Meeting Date: 2.16.2026

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Kent ISD School Board approve the bid from Shareco Communications for a three-year contract for fiber maintenance services. Shareco's service includes 24x7 emergency response, MISS DIG support, National Joint Utilities Nonfiction System (NJUNS) management, and annual inspections of our wide area network (WAN) assets. The contracted total 3-year cost is **\$432,596.00\***

### **BACKGROUND:**

A fiber maintenance agreement is an essential component of managing a WAN. With this agreement, Shareco Communications will provide both emergency repair work, as well as the day-to-day support needed to comply with Consumers Energy and MISS DIG. Shareco is a local business that has provided fiber maintenance services since 1976.

Kent ISD received two competitive bids for this service. Both vendors have experience providing fiber maintenance services and we are confident in Shareco's ability to meet or exceed our bid specifications.

Vendor	Average Annual Cost
Shareco	<b>\$144,198.67</b>
Amcomm	\$350,000.00

Wide area network fiber maintenance is E-Rate eligible under category 1. Currently, Kent ISD is qualifying for an 50% reimbursement on Category 1 expenditures.

\*Estimated cost of Wide Area Network maintenance, change may occur due to unforeseen fiber incidents.

*Note: Our intention is to use Category 1 e-rate funding for 50% of this purchase*