



## BOARD MEETING MEMORANDUM

**Board Meeting Date:** May 19, 2026

**From:** Josh Coon, Director of Technology

**Re:** Replacement of the Core Network Switch

**Attachments:** Core Switch Quote

**Agenda Location:** Consideration to Approve: Action Items

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### **Rationale:**

Our current Core Network Switch has reached its end of life. The team, with the help of our managed service provider, determined that this switch needs to be changed as soon as possible. At this time, the team researched different options in conjunction with e-rate consultation to manage our current needs. We reviewed proposals submitted by 5 different vendors with our e-rate consultation. Each vendor has similar options; the district selected the vendor's quote that worked best for our needs.

Under the Illinois School Code, as of January 1, 2024, school districts are required to competitively bid contracts for supplies, materials, or work exceeding \$35,000, awarding such contracts to the lowest responsible bidder after due advertisement. However, there are specific exceptions to this requirement, particularly relevant to technology purchases:

- Data processing equipment, software, or services, and telecommunications and interconnect equipment, software, and services are exempt from the competitive bidding mandate.
- Purchases made through state master contracts authorized under Article 28A of the School Code are also exempt.

The administration recommends the purchase of the Cisco Catalyst Core Switch Chassis with components listed in the quote through 22Vets Technologies, with an overall cost of \$87,784.58, with 50% of the cost (\$43,892.29) covered by the e-rate (USAC). The administration also recommends the installation and configuration of this product through McQueen Technologies.



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**Recommendation/Motion:**

The administration recommends that the Board approve the purchase of technology equipment and installation of our core network switch at a cost not to exceed \$43,892.29, with 50% covered by e-rate USAC.