

E-Rate 2020

Our Form 470 bidding window has now closed. This means that vendors that were going to submit bids on our various services needed to have their bids submitted by this past Monday February 18th. Our next step is to evaluate the various bids received for our service/equipment needs. In general we have received bids from Bytespeed Computers for wireless and switch network needs, Pine Cove Computing for wireless network equipment needs, Cytranet for internet/WAN needs, 3 River Communications for internet, and Ronan/Access Montana for internet and WAN services.

The evaluation of the bids according to the e-rate guidelines include items with price being weighted the most followed by the equipment that fits the guidelines, how the vendors will bill the services, and a factor for vendors that the district has an established vendor relationship. Included in the bids from the vendor is network equipment for the middle school addition so once the e-rate gurus approve our submissions after the evaluation.

Live Broadcasting Games now happening

As you know we have the pixellot camera installed in the BHS gym. We have learned some lessons and made adjustments. One of the adjustments is padding the last game of the day with additional time as we now know the games do not stick to the advertised game times.



We also have the games being displayed on the TV in the gym lobby. This will need some work before the next seasons (volleyball in the fall) to automate the TV with the pixellot scheduling. Currently setting the TV gym lobby is a manual process including setting alarms on phones to know when to login remotely and start the game. We will be working on automating the process over the coming months using task schedulers and such to make the computing equipment work for us.