

**Denton Independent School District**  
**WiFi Connectivity For Buses Using The Federal Emergency Connectivity Fund**  
November 16, 2021

**SUMMARY:**

This item requests approval of the implementation of WiFi on 213 Denton ISD buses using the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) at an initial cost of \$0 and potential ongoing costs in future fiscal years at the discretion of the District, based on the success of the initiative.

**PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:**

None

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The American Rescue Plan was voted into law on March 11, 2021. Section 7402 of that law established the \$7.171 billion Emergency Connectivity Fund for the purchase of remote learning telecommunications equipment, reimbursable at 100%.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:**

This purchase is being brought for approval in accordance with the District's CH (local) policy.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

This is a net zero transaction this fiscal year.

**BENEFIT OF ACTION:**

Approving this initiative will provide WiFi service on every active bus in the District fleet and enable students to maximize their utilization of the devices provided in the District's one-to-one initiative by providing them a fully filtered internet connection on their daily bus rides as well as bus rides to events.

**PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:**

None

**ALTERNATIVES:**

None

**OTHER COMMENTS:**

None

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:**

The Superintendent recommends approval of the ECF Bus WiFi initiative at a net zero cost to the District for the current fiscal year.

**STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:**

Robert Pierce, Chief Technology Officer  
Vicki Garcia, Executive Director of Financial Operations  
Dr. Sheryl Alden, Director of Transportation  
Dianna Casper, Director of Purchasing

**ATTACHMENT:**

None

**APPROVAL:**

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_