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TOPIC: Kings III Emergency Elevator Phone

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Recommended for:

- ☒ Action
- ☒ Discussion
- ☒ Information

Purpose/Background:

Over the past few years, the Technology Department has assessed all District telecommunication services, and made decisions to help reduce overall operating costs and maintain fiscal responsibility. One of the last significant transitions involved replacing our AT&T infrastructure with IP Flex technology, providing the district with the same volume of inbound and outbound calls at a fraction of the price.

During this transition, we identified two lines related to our elevator service, which necessitated a different approach. Once known as a POTS line, these phone lines are extremely costly. Earlier this year, we encountered issues with one of the elevator circuits at Rutledge Hall, which stemmed from underground issues. We implemented a workaround by rerouting the phone number through the IP Flex circuit, which works, but is not a perfect solution.

At the request of the Finance Committee, the team continued to look for solutions and found Kings III, a company that specializes in elevator and emergency communications. With over 30 years of service, this vendor will provide the equipment and installation needed to convert our existing POTS lines into a cost effective cellular communications signal.

District Legal Counsel reviewed the contract and had requested that the vendor make some standard minor modifications to the contract. The vendor has agreed to these changes and provided a new contract. Counsel also indicated that since the vendor can program these devices to use multiple carriers, there is no need for a separate contract for cellular service contracts as this is all handled under the normal monthly fees.

Fiscal Impact:

\$98.34 per month plus taxes. The District currently pays \$355.71 per month for a single POTS elevator line at Lincoln Hall. Initial savings would total around \$3200 per year.

One Time Fees:

Qty	Description	Price Per Unit	Total
2	Scheduled Phone Installation	\$184.00	\$368.00

Monthly Costs:

Qty	Description	Price Per Unit	Total
2	GSA Schedule Phone	\$24.17	\$48.34
2	GSA Open Market Item Service	\$15.00	\$30.00
2	UPGRADE To FirstNet Priority Network	\$10.00	\$20.00
			\$98.34

Recommendation:

The Finance Committee members in attendance stated their support of the Administration's recommendation to the Board of Education to approve this Agreement from Kings III for Cellular Elevator Phones in the amount of \$98.34 plus required taxes and fees, beginning June 1, 2024. (Estimated)