

# **Executive Summary**

## **Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting**

### **January 20, 2015**

## **Highlights of the Schools & Libraries E-Rate Modernization Program**

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**Board Goal:**    I.    Vision  
                         VI.    Growth, Change & Fiscal Responsibility

**Purpose of Report** To provide the Board with a report detailing the recent changes to the Federal E-Rate program. E-Rate is a federal program created in 1996 by the FCC and administered by the Schools & Libraries Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company that provides eligible K-12 public schools and libraries 20 – 90 percent discounts on approved telecommunications, internet access and internal connections costs. E-Rate discounts are based on the number of students eligible for the National School Lunch Program.

### **Objectives**

- To Expand on the changes for the 2015 E-Rate Funding Year
- Closing the Wi-Fi Gap
  - Maximizing the Cost Effectiveness of E-Rate Spending
  - Maximizing the E-Rate Administration and Application Processes

### **Operational Impact**

Should the District choose to obtain E-Rate approved equipment and services we will be obligated to the discount chart which is our economically disadvantaged percentage. Currently our E-Rate discount on equipment and services is 60%. The district will pay 40%.

### **Results**

The financial results the district has received over the last 10 years has been great. We have received \$3,874,525.97 from the E-Rate -Schools and Libraries Division. This has defrayed our costs for telecommunication lines, Internet, cell phone bills, network equipment and network wiring for some of our schools.

**Other Options** N/A