



**Board Meeting Date:** July 8, 2024

**Title:** Cybersecurity as a Service Agreement with Arctic Wolf

**Type:** Action

**Presenter(s):** Nathaniel Lindley, Director, Media & Technology Services

**Description:** Cyber threats continue to be one of the largest potentially disruptive threats facing the K-12 education sector. The District continues to maintain its efforts to ensure that the data of all students and staff is safe. The District has implemented a Managed Awareness campaign for all staff, increased authentication to critical data systems through multi-factor authentication (MFA) and EntraID, and reviewed security policies and security group membership continually throughout the school year.

In partnership with the West Metro Consortium (Eden Prairie Schools, Edina Public Schools, Hopkins Public Schools, Osseo Area Schools, Richfield Public Schools, and Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District), the districts meet monthly to discuss ongoing cyber threats, perform scans on partner districts, receive consultation and support, and discuss ongoing cyber needs. This consortium jointly met with Arctic Wolf, a security-as-a-service firm that provides “visibility, monitoring, response, and mediation of all our security events.” These services cannot be fully implemented by the District with its current staffing. It was determined that Arctic Wolf provides the best fit and collaboration for the District at this time. It will allow consortium partners to continue to partner to combat cyber threats, as well as receive discounted rates on services.

For the 2024-2025 school year, the administration recommends continuing its partnership with Arctic Wolf for Security-as-a-Service to provide Endpoint protection, data threat monitoring, data security monitoring, threat detection and Managed Awareness training. It will allow the District to significantly increase its cybersecurity posture, mitigate and mediate threats, partner with its consortium districts, and meet existing cybersecurity insurance requirements.

**Recommendation:** Approve the administration’s recommendation to continue with Arctic Wolf and authorize the Director of Finance & Operations to execute all documents necessary to put the agreement into effect.

**Desired Outcomes from the Board:** Compliance with Minn. Stat. § 471.345 and District Policy.

**Attachments:**

1. Pricing Quote - Arctic Wolf
2. Procurement Compliance Memo
3. Sole Source Memo - Arctic Wolf