

Memo

To: Superintendent Gina Butters, Weber School District Board of Education
From: Dr. Jennifer Boyer-Thurgood, Technical Services Director
CC: Brock Mitchell, Dax Teuscher
Date: January 5, 2026
Re: Purchase Request- Palo Alto Cortex Licenses

Weber School District's annual license subscription for Palo Alto Cortex is ending on 2/20/26. This next-generation anti-virus with extended detection and response software is important because it provides protection for our entire network against viruses, ransomware, and security exploits. This is a top-rated software for this purpose and has protected our district well for the past nine years. After implementing this software nine years ago Weber School District has had zero incidents of ransomware or major network security incidents.

I am requesting board approval for the purchase of the Palo Alto Cortex 1-year license renewal. The cost of this purchase will be \$109,352.10. This purchase will fall under NASPO State contract AR3229. All district procurement guidelines will be followed.

Thank you for your consideration of this purchase. As always I appreciate your continued support of technology in the district. If I can provide clarification or additional information, please contact me at 801-476-7979.

Thank you.

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