<u>2H. Action</u> Date: May 23, 2005

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF STORAGE AREA NETWORK (SAN) SERVER

<u>UPGRADE</u>

BOARD GOAL: Budget and Finance

FISCAL NOTE: Budgeted in Technology Fund

Background Information:

• The Preview for this item was presented to the Board of Trustees on May 9, 2005.

• Quotes were completed using Catalog Information Systems Vendors (CISV) through the State Texas Building and Procurement Commission.

Administrative Considerations:

- The Technology Department has taken extreme precautions and lengthy considerations to develop a future plan for Keller ISD's storage solution.
- The new storage plan addresses immediate needs and long-term storage concerns.
- The future storage area network solution must address the following needs:
- Increase performance over the current system
- Ability to add new services to the SAN
- Redundancy
- > Allow economically sensible growth for future storage needs
- Maintain use of the existing SAN
- Robust software

The Purchasing Department along with the Technology Department recommend award for this proposal to Best Data Strategies as the lowest and best bid meeting specifications for the District. The bid tabulation is attached for your review.

The administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve Best Data Strategies for the upgrade of the Storage Area Network for \$184,998.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Sullivan
Director of Purchasing