

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

January 12, 2016

E-Rate Report Update

Board Goal: VI. Growth, Change & Fiscal Responsibility

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to brief the Board on the approval of Denton ISD's RFQ 150217 by the FCC Schools and Library Division for network equipment for all schools in the District.

Objectives

- Update all schools not previously renovated with new network equipment
- New equipment will take DISD into the next high speed data era as requested by the FCC

Operational Impact

The District receives a 60% discount from the FCC as gauged by the District's free and reduced program. The approximate cost for the District to encumber is \$1,364,596.93.

Results

The process to acquire this kind of equipment from E-Rate takes approximately a year but it saves the District a considerable amount of money. This type of equipment in the past was only affordable by purchasing with Bond funding. By taking this first next step in upgrading our core network now at a discount, we will be poised to complete the FCC recommendations of "100 megabytes of bandwidth per student". The District is in close contact with Region 11 in helping the area schools achieve the necessary future high Internet bandwidths. We will look to obtain the next phase of optical equipment in the 2016 E-Rate submission with Region 11. This network will help our teachers and students be successful as we transition into more classroom computing devices.

Attached are the final expenditures per campus as requested in RFQ 150217

Other Options

No other options were presented