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No Action Required

To: Coppel ISD Board of Trustees
From: Sam Farsaii
Date: August 5, 2016
cc: Dr. Mike Waldrip, Kay Ryon, Dr. Marilyn Denison

Re: Authorizing the Superintendent as E-Rate Purchasing Agent for 2016-17

The Schools and Libraries E-rate program makes telecommunications and information services more affordable for schools and libraries. Mandated by Congress in 1996 and implemented by the FCC in 1997, the E-rate provides discounted telecommunications, Internet access, and internal connections to eligible schools and libraries, funded by the Universal Service Fund.

Innovative digital learning technologies and the growing importance of the Internet in connecting students, teachers, and consumers to jobs, life-long learning, and information, are creating increasing demand for bandwidth in schools and libraries. In 2014, the FCC adopted the E-rate Modernization Order and the Second E-rate Modernization Order as part of a comprehensive review to modernize the program. To learn more about efforts to modernize the E-rate program, go to www.fcc.gov/e-rate-update.

We receive discounts on eligible category one services (telecommunications, telecommunications services and Internet access) and category two services (internal connections, managed internal broadband services and basic maintenance of internal connections). The discount is about 40%, higher discounts for higher poverty and more rural schools and libraries.

As a part of the annual E-Rate authorization process, the CISD Board of Trustees is asked to approve the Superintendent as the Purchasing Agent for Coppel ISD.

Recommendation: That the following item is placed on the August 29, 2016 agenda for approval by the CISD Board of Trustees:

Vote to approve Superintendent, Dr. Mike Waldrip, as Purchasing Agent for Coppel Independent School District, Authorized Representative for all Federal programs including **E-Rate** and Child Nutrition, and Designated Custodian for the general fund, building fund, child nutrition fund, bond fund, activity fund, all federal programs including **E-Rate**, all state programs, and all other school programs and activities not listed for the 2016-17 school year.