



UNITED TOWNSHIP

HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 30

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To: Board of Education

From: Kai Killam

CC: Dr. Jay Morrow, Janice Roome

Date: April 14, 2025

Re: Approval of FY2026 E-Rate Projects

Board approval is requested for the following E-Rate projects for the FY2026 funding cycle.

E-Rate reimbursement is based upon both free/reduced lunch counts and total enrollment. It is broken down into Category 1 (internet connections and hotspots) and Category 2 (internal equipment and management). An additional pilot program for Cybersecurity funding was applied for and awarded.

- Category 1 provides for a 90% discount rate for all internet connections. FY2026 will be the final year of a three year agreement with Mediacom to provide an internet connection to the main campus, UTEC, Soule Bowl and the Panther Pitch. Total cost for the year is \$28,318.80. **The non-discounted portion of the services is \$5,831.88.**
- New for this funding year is the eligibility, under Category 1, of mobile hotspots for students. Total cost for 100 hotspots through AT&T is \$17,595. **The non-discounted portion is \$1,955.** Years 2 through 3 will incur a District expense of \$1,380 per year.

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Total E-Rate allocation for the current 5 year cycle is \$309,952.00 to be used on Category 2. This filing is year 5 of 5. Our reimbursement rate from this portion of the program is 85%.

The following projects fall under Category 2:

- Managed Internal Broadband Connections. 1 year extension of prior agreement to provide these services with Twin State Technical Services. **Total cost is \$38,340. The non-discounted cost to the District is \$5,751.**
- Internal Connections. To be fulfilled by Tri-City Electric Co. This agreement will replace all Wireless Access Points, replace all Universal Power Supplies in server racks, replacement of core network switches, as well as all necessary management licensing. Total cost \$175,088.78. **The non-discounted cost to the District is \$26,263.32.**

The following funding will fall under the new Federal Cybersecurity Pilot Program. United Township was awarded a three year allocation of \$74,460.

- Year one cost for user device software management and protection of \$73,440 through an agreement with Twin State Technical Services. **The non-discounted cost to the District is \$53,363.**

Note: All projects listed will maintain compliance with all applicable federal policies, including competitive bidding processes.