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Item: Cybersecurity Feasibility Study Grant

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Kent ISD School Board approve the statement of work from Plante Moran for the administration of a regional cybersecurity feasibility study at a fixed fee of \$165,000.

BACKGROUND:

Kent ISD, in partnership with Ottawa Area ISD and Muskegon ISD, was awarded a \$250,000 State of Michigan grant for the purpose of conducting a regional cybersecurity feasibility study. The statement of work covers the data collection, market research, and initial design of the study deliverable including:

- Determining the local needs for cyber security services through surveys and focus groups
- Designing a regionalized cybersecurity services model that is both scalable and fiscally sustainable.
- Benchmarking the design with other regional services models.
- Determining ISD readiness for implementation and develop recommendations to address gaps in staffing/skillsets.
- Coordinating with other State-wide initiatives on Cybersecurity to ensure alignment and to avoid duplication of services.

The remainder of the grant funds will be utilized after the completion of the feasibility study and will focus on designing detailed regionalized implementation strategies.