<u>Consider Approval of Proposal to Purchase Computer Servers,</u> Software, and Accessories to Support Ellucian (Datatel) Colleague

Staff requests approval of a proposal to purchase computer servers, software, and accessories from Dell, a state-approved contract vendor, to support Ellucian (Datatel) Colleague. A written quote has been received and is available for Board review. This upgrade purchase would allow for full virtualization and redundancy of the College's ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) system and key core servers, providing superior stability and availability. The infrastructure backbone would upgrade to a 10-Gigabit network, greatly increasing performance.

As proposed, this upgrade totals \$52,776.83. Funds are available in the Education and General Fund budget.