

REPORT NAME: E-Rate Network Electronics

REPORT OF: Business Office/Technology

FOR: Information and Approval

STRATEGIC GOAL ALIGNMENT: *Board Strategic Plan Goal V*

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE ALIGNMENT:

Through collective responsibility, establish a physical and operational environment of safety, cleanliness, innovative spaces and high expectations, partnering with parents, families, community and industry to ensure the highest level of performance by all stakeholders.

FISCAL FUND IMPACT: 2025-2026 E-Rate, 20% from the Bond

IMPACT AMOUNT: \$80,010.60 (20% of \$400,053.12)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/BACKGROUND: As we continue to implement the plan for the bond, this project will cover refreshing network closet equipment (UPS units and switches) and adding additional network closets as needed for the following schools- Stevenson Elementary, Birney K-8, Levey Middle School, Thompson K-8, Southfield High School for Arts and Technology. We are utilizing the E-Rate program for this project, which will allow us to receive up to 80% back on this project. We released an RFP with a bid opening on 2/29/2025. We received 2 bids from Delta Network Services and CDW. The bid from Delta Network Services was accurate, complete, and substantially lower. This is the vendor who has provided all of our network electronics in the district and aligns with what we currently have in place.

COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS: We are improving and enhancing our valuable network infrastructure.

RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends that the Board of Education authorize the purchase and installation of network electronics in the amount of **\$80,563.06 (20% of \$402,815.32)** from Delta Network Services.

IMPACT IF NOT APPROVED: We will not have the network closet capacity to support our network and systems.

NEXT STEPS IF APPROVED: The Technology Department will begin working with Delta Network Electronics to get the equipment ordered and build an appropriate installation schedule.