

# Weber School District

## Technical Services

# Memo

**To:** Superintendent Gina Butters, Weber School District Board of Education  
**From:** Dr. Jennifer Boyer-Thurgood, Technical Services Director  
**CC:** Dr. Robert Petersen, Dax Teuscher  
**Date:** April 24, 2024  
**Re:** Purchase Request

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It is necessary to upgrade our Palo Alto Network Firewall in order to continue to protect our network and meet the needs of our growing internet usage. The network firewall is necessary for successful operation of the overall network security, internet access capacity, Chromebook connectivity and day-to-day IP networking. The current network firewall has been in place since 2019. At this time I am requesting board approval for the purchase of the following:

- 2 Network Firewall Appliances (approximately \$42,142.80)
- Core Security Subscription (approximately \$313,894.40)
- 5 years of support and maintenance (approximately \$117,720.00)
- 5 years of support for existing Palo Alto Management Server "Panorama" (approximately \$9,180)

The total cost is estimated to be no more than \$527,080 with \$224,929.32 most likely covered by E-rate funds after the purchase is submitted for reimbursement. The total cost is only a slight increase, given the current market, over the \$510,000 spent for a similar purchase in 2019.

Thank you for your consideration of this purchase. As always District purchasing and E-rate procurement guidelines will be followed. I appreciate your continued support of technology in the district. If I can provide you with further clarification or answers to questions, please contact me at 801-476-7980.

Thank you.



Dr. Jennifer Boyer-Thurgood  
Technical Services Director