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DATE: February 25, 2026
TO: ISD #200 School Board
FROM: Tim Buchin, Director of Technology
SUBJECT: HMS Network Modernization E-Rate Bid

Recommendation to approve the E-Rate Proposal from our chosen vendor (CIT) to complete our network modernization project in the Middle School this summer.

The current low-voltage ethernet cable infrastructure in the Middle School is primarily outdated Category 5 cables, which have a maximum transmission speed of 100mbps. This project would have an external vendor come in (CIT), remove all existing low-voltage ethernet cables, and install modern Category 6 cables, which have a maximum transmission speed of 1000mbps.

During this same project we will be updating our networking hardware in the Middle School to accommodate the faster network speeds that our infrastructure will be capable of. This includes adding 20 wireless access points to improve the wireless network connectivity as well.

This project will be funded by E-Rate, which will be a 50% reimbursement upon completion of this project. The amounts that will be over the 50% threshold will be paid from the Technology Levy and the Technology Committed Fund.