

Board Background Information

Subject: Consider the purchase of wireless access points

Presented for: Action

Report Only

Background Information

The district's current wireless access points will reach end-of-life in July of 2026. The district completed the required E-rate Form 470 competitive bidding process and then conducted a mini-bid among vendors to take advantage of DIR state contract pricing. We then evaluated all eligible responses based on cost-effectiveness.

Vendor	TOTAL
Next Step Innovation	\$227,867.50

Recommendation:

Approve the purchase of 350 Aruba wireless access points, a five-year cloud management license for each device, and necessary mounting hardware from NextStep Innovation for a total of \$227,867.50. (If the district receives E-rate funding, our portion for this project will be \$34,180.13. The remaining \$193,687.37 would be covered by E-rate funds.)

Contact Persons

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