

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Education

From: Jason Smit, Ed.D.

Date: June 10, 2026

Re: E-Rate Eligible Network Infrastructure Upgrades

To maintain a secure, reliable, and future-ready technology infrastructure, the administration recommends purchasing network equipment and services through the federal E-Rate program (Category 2 funding).

The proposed project involves upgrading critical network infrastructure, including:

- Replacing the district's core firewall and security services with Fortinet solutions.
- Providing five-year licensing and support for Extreme Networks management and switching infrastructure.
- Upgrading Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) equipment and replacing batteries to enhance network reliability and maintain operations during power interruptions.

The total project cost is **\$100,222.58**. The district has filed E-Rate Form 470 (Application #260018428) and will seek reimbursement through the federal E-Rate program. With the district's current discount rate, 40% of eligible costs should be reimbursed, reducing the local financial impact of these essential infrastructure improvements.

These upgrades will strengthen network security, improve system reliability, support instructional technology initiatives, and ensure the district's technology infrastructure can support teaching, learning, and operational needs for years to come.