Decatur Independent School District
Board of Trustees Agenda Item

To: Taylor Williams
From: Todd English, Director of Technology
Subject: Technology Purchase over $25,000
Meeting Date: 11-16-2026
Type of Item: ☐ Information ☐ Presentation ☐ Consent Agenda ☒ Discussion ☒ Action
Supporting Documents: ☒Yes ☐ No

Background Information and Rationale:

The Technology Department recommends replacing the district's existing firewall with a Palo Alto firewall through SHI Government Solutions. This replacement will modernize the district's network security infrastructure and strengthen the district's ability to monitor, manage, and protect network traffic. The five-year agreement will provide the district with a consistent firewall solution to support ongoing network security and protection of district systems and data.

$206,717.86 – Bond Funds

Support of Strategic Goals:
GOAL 4: Obj - 4.3: DISD will provide operational efficiency, effectiveness and transparency.

Fiscal Implication:
To be determined based on final device selections, vendor proposals, and purchasing options.

Administrative Recommendation:
The administration recommends approval of the Palo Alto firewall replacement through SHI Government Solutions at a total cost of $206,717.86.

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Respectfully submitted,

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