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Date: 02/06/2025

To: Board of Education
Dr. Robert Schiffbauer

RE: Access Points for CTE and FieldHouse Projects

It is my recommendation to proceed with the procurement and installation of Fortinet Access Points to upgrade the wireless infrastructure across both campus buildings. A primary driver for this recommendation is the significant cost efficiency offered by Fortinet. The total investment required to furnish both buildings with **Fortinet equipment is \$51,717**, which represents a clear savings over the competing bid from **Extreme Networks at \$56,235**. By choosing Fortinet, we can achieve our technical objectives while remaining fiscally responsible and allocating the surplus budget to other critical IT initiatives.

Fortinet Access Points will seamlessly complement our existing network switches and firewall infrastructure, which are already built on the Fortinet ecosystem. This 'single pane of glass' management approach ensures streamlined configuration, automated security synchronization, and significantly reduced administrative overhead. By opting for Fortinet, we minimize the compatibility risks associated with a multi-vendor environment while ensuring a more stable, high-performance network for all students and staff.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Board of Education, the following would be an appropriate motion. **“Motion to approve the purchase of Fortinet Access Points from Shi International for the total cost of \$51,717.”**

Sincerely,
Jim Kelly
Director of Technology