
BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Information/Discussion: _____

Future Action: _____

Action: X

Item: UCSX Server RAM

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Kent ISD Board of Education approve the purchase of twenty-four (24) 64GB RAM modules for the server environment from Network Craze via the TIPS (The Interlocal Purchasing System) cooperative contract. The total estimated cost is \$47,640, with a not-to-exceed (NTE) amount of \$54,786 (inclusive of a 15% contingency).

BACKGROUND:

Kent ISD continues to expand its server infrastructure to support increasing demands across core systems, including additional database servers for MIPSE and the continued growth of our Juniper-based WAN network. As these systems scale, memory (RAM) is a critical resource required to maintain the performance, reliability, and responsiveness expected by staff and constituent districts.

The requested 15% contingency is included to account for ongoing volatility in the global memory market. Prices for enterprise-grade memory fluctuate frequently due to semiconductor supply chain disruptions, increased demand driven by AI and data center expansion, and manufacturer inventory shifts. This "not-to-exceed" provision ensures that Kent ISD can execute the purchase promptly without returning to the Board for minor price adjustments, while still remaining within a defined budget.