

REPORT: E-Rate Structured Cabling

REPORT OF: Business Office/Technology

FOR: Information and Approval

STRATEGIC GOAL ALIGNMENT: *Board Strategic Plan Goal V*

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE ALIGNMENT:

Through collective responsibility, establish a physical and operational environment of safety, cleanliness, innovative spaces and high expectations, partnering with parents, families, community and industry to ensure the highest level of performance by all stakeholders.

FISCAL FUND IMPACT: 2026-2027 E-Rate- Bond/General Funds

IMPACT AMOUNT: \$213,978.28 The district would pay the full amount and be reimbursed 80%. We pay 20% (\$42,795.66) due to our free and reduced lunch count. Payment is after 7/1/26.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

As we continue to implement the plan for the bond, this project will cover replacing structured cabling (standardized system of organizing and installing the physical infrastructure for telecommunications and data transfer in a building or campus) for the following schools- Birney K-8, Thompson K-8, and Southfield High School for Arts and Technology (O-House). We are utilizing the E-Rate program for this project, which will allow us to receive up to 80% back on this project. We released an RFP with a bid opening on 3/12/2026. We received 4 bids for structured cabling. Amcomm came in with the lowest price, favorable references and an impressive score on the bid evaluation worksheet.

COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS: Upgrading network cabling ensures reliable, high-speed connectivity that supports modern learning, enhances security, and prevents costly disruptions across the district.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education authorize the payment of \$213,978.28 to Amcomm Telecommunications Inc.

IMPACT IF NOT APPROVED:

The network will not be reliable or stable at Birney K-8, Thompson K-8, and Southfield High School for Arts and Technology.

NEXT STEPS IF APPROVED:

The technology director and bond technology designer will schedule a kickoff meeting to begin the project.

*Bid Opening and Evaluation Worksheet attached.