

**REPORT NAME:** E-Rate Network Electronics

**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:** \$349,170.76 The district would pay the full amount and be reimbursed 80%. We pay 20% (\$69,834.15) 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 refreshing network closet equipment. Network switches- Southfield High School for Arts and Technology, Bussey Early Childhood, Kennedy Learning Center, McIntyre Elementary, Thompson K-8, Vandenberg Elementary. UPS units- Stevenson Elementary, Birney K-8, Bussey Early Childhood, Eisenhower School, Kennedy Learning Center, Levey Middle School, McIntyre Elementary School, SRAC, Thompson K-8, University K-12, Vandenberg Elementary. 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 3 bids. Delta came in with the lowest price, favorable references and an impressive score on the bid evaluation worksheet.

**COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS:** Purchasing new network electronics ensures reliable, uninterrupted network performance and protects critical technology infrastructure.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Administration recommends that the Board of Education authorize the purchase and installation of network electronics in the amount of \$349,170.76 to Delta Network Services.

**IMPACT IF NOT APPROVED:** We will not have the network closet capacity to support our network and systems.

**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.