



College Station Independent School District

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mike Martindale, Superintendent *MM*

From: Amy Drozd, Chief Financial Officer *A Drozd*

Date: September 14, 2022

Subject: Consider approval for the purchase of District Internet Firewall Upgrades from 2021 Bond Funds

Agenda Item: J – 4.

BACKGROUND

Upgrades to the district's network infrastructure was identified as a major need and approved by the 2021 Bond Committee as a project within Proposition A. Upgrades to the district's Internet Firewall is a vital part of the network required to support instruction and the overall operations of the district.

The Technology Department researched and tested various manufacturer solutions identifying Fortinet's Fortigate firewall as the best overall value for CSISD. Specifications were developed and various resellers that are on purchasing cooperatives were solicited for quotes. Two responses were received and evaluated.

It is the recommendation of Carmella Shafer, Director of Purchasing, and David Hutchison, Director of Technology, to purchase the equipment from BorderLAN as the best value and low proposer based on The Interlocal Purchasing Cooperative (TIPS) contract # 210101 in the amount of \$404,240 using 2021 Bond Funds.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the College Station Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the purchase of Internet Firewall upgrades from BorderLAN using The Interlocal Purchasing Cooperative (TIPS) contract # 210101 in the amount of \$404,240 using 2021 Bond Funds.