

March 2016 Board Meeting Explanatory Notes
Item 1: Wireless Access Points 16-01-4852

Funding Source: Bond Funds

This recommendation is made to fulfill the District's 2014 Technology Bond Goal 6 Install Technology Infrastructure in New Schools. The District initially filed a FCC Form 470 which starts the process for seeking funding for eligible services under ERate (more formally known as the Schools & Libraries Program). The District then issued 16-01-4852RFP Wireless Access Points. Three respondents submitted pricing for this RFP. This award will allow for the purchase of access points and installation of wireless access points in Cypress Park High School (2016), High School #12 (2017), Elementary # 55 (2017), Elementary #56 (2017), Middle School #19 (2019), Elementary School #57 (2019), Elementary School #58 (2020), and Middle School #20 (2021). The committee's recommendation is to award to Layer 3, our current Wireless Access Point vendor, for \$618,720.40. They offered the best value to the district proposing an Aruba Wireless Access Points which are defined by the Gartner Group as the industry's leader in Access Points. Additionally, they were the only vendor to meet all of the program requirements for the Schools & Libraries ERate program. The District plans to submit all purchases and services under this RFP for potential ERate reimbursement. The installation of access points at the new campuses will allow for wireless internet and network services for both District purchased laptops and tablets and for student and staff owned mobile devices.