

March 2016 Board Meeting Explanatory Notes
Item 2: Network Equipment 16-01-4851

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 16-01-4851RFP Network Equipment. Five respondents submitted pricing for this RFP. This award will allow for the purchase of Network Equipment 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 Presidio for \$1,522,208.20. They offered the best value to the district proposing Cisco Network Equipment. Cisco is identified by the Gartner Group as an industry leader in Network Equipment. Additionally, Presidio, our current network equipment vendor, was the lowest priced vendor which met 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 Equipment on this RFP will be a key component for the network at each new school. It will connect multiple PCs, printers, servers and other hardware within the building and to other district resources. The Equipment will allow students and staff to send information, such as email, and access shared resources, including printers, in a smooth, efficient, and transparent manner.