

EL CAMINO REAL ALLIANCE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION

BOARD MEETING DATE: March 28, 2019

AGENDA ITEM:

Internet Service Provider (ISP) Upgrade

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE ISSUE:

Upgrade current internet line from 1GB to 5GB and include a secondary backup line and apply 50% E-Rate discount to get lower monthly payment compared to our current line. Currently, ECR pays @ \$3,421 a month for a 1GB line through AT&T. The new proposal would be for a 5GB line through AT&T, at a monthly cost of \$3,875.96; with the 50% E-Rate funding, this would be reduced to \$1,937.98 per month. ECR would also like to add a backup line of 1GB speed through Spectrum at a monthly cost of \$1,185.00. This 1GB line would be used to backup the system, and would also be used to operate the new telephone system when that is installed (the E-Rate funding is not available for a backup line). This would equal a total of \$3,122.98 per month for both lines, equal to a savings of \$298.02 per month over what is currently paid.

PERSONNEL INVOLVED:

Tech Department personnel; Business Office personnel to process payments.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS (IF ANY):

ECR currently pays \$3,421 a month for 1GB speed; with the E-Rate discount, the total cost for a 5GB line with a 1GB backup would be approximately \$300 less.

IMPACT ON SCHOOL MISSION, VISION OR GOALS (IF ANY):

Improved connectivity speed would help the overall tech functions of the school, including during testing.

OPTIONS OR SOLUTIONS:

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the AT&T contract for a 5GB internet line and the Spectrum contract for a 1GB backup line. Given the use of the E-Rate funding, there does not appear to be any downside to the school, and the increased internet speed will help teachers and students with their online learning and testing.

PROPOSED MOTION:

Approve the AT&T contract and Spectrum contract for the internet upgrade, with E-Rate funding.