

EL CAMINO REAL ALLIANCE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION

BOARD MEETING DATE: March 28, 2019

AGENDA ITEM:

Palo Alto Firewall license renewal

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE ISSUE:

Our current license will expire at the end of April. This seeks a renewal of our Palo Alto Firewall license, for a period of 3 years. An annual subscription would cost \$35,554.94. Signing a 3 year license for \$71,512.69 would constitute a significant savings. The quote provided includes two redundant subscriptions; this is necessary as we have two firewalls set up in high availability (redundancy) mode, which would cause the second to activate should the first one fail. This type of redundancy is needed in order to ensure that there is no interruption in service. Only purchasing one license would potentially result in the network being down for an unknown amount of time while the second is activated through the vendor.

PERSONNEL INVOLVED:

Tech Department personnel; Business Office personnel to process payments

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS (IF ANY):

The total amount of the contract is \$71,512.69 for a 3 year license, which constitutes a significant discount compared to an annual license.

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

Having a firewall is necessary to protect the integrity of the school's network systems, and will encourage learning by prohibiting access to inappropriate or dangerous sites on school devices.

OPTIONS OR SOLUTIONS:

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Palo Alto Firewall license renewal. Given the significant savings for a multi-year license as opposed to an annual one, and the need for a strong firewall to protect the school system, this appears to be a necessary item for the school to have.

PROPOSED MOTION:

Approve the contract for the Palo Alto Firewall license for a term of three years at a total cost of \$71,512.69.