

EL CAMINO REAL ALLIANCE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION

BOARD MEETING DATE: October 24, 2019

AGENDA ITEM:

Item IV.D. – Purchase of e-rate eligible equipment for 2019-2020

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE ISSUE:

Based on the technology assessment conducted by NIC Partners, certain e-rate eligible equipment that would assist the school's network and infrastructure is up for consideration.

PERSONNEL INVOLVED:

Members of the Technology Department to implement, install and oversee the purchased equipment; members of the Business Office to process payment.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS (IF ANY):

This school year is the last year of the current e-rate cycle (2015-2020), and ECR still has approximately \$220,000 left to spend on e-rate eligible equipment. Any purchases made through e-rate receives a 50% discount on the purchase price. There is a \$285,000 budget line item for the 2019-2020 school year.

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

This goes directly towards implementing and sustaining the 21st Century Classroom initiative.

OPTIONS OR SOLUTIONS:

The proposal was put out for bid by ECR's e-rate consultant, and the recommended vendor is Golden Star Technologies (GST). A copy of each of the three (3) bids received is attached as part of the Board packet.

The Technology Committee met on Thursday, October 17th and considered the different proposals, and recommends that the Board approve the motion and select GST as the winning bid, in the total amount of \$219,753.80.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the purchase of the e-rate eligible equipment through GST in the total amount of \$219,753.80.

This e-rate purchase goes directly towards implementing and sustaining ECR's vision of the 21st Century Classroom. The benefit provided by this proposal includes network redundancy and resiliency to mitigate technical and operational interruptions. Based on the technology assessment that was recently conducted, this purchase is aligned to the suggestions and recommendations of the audit. This proposal is also part of ECR's technology roadmap.

PROPOSED MOTION:

Approve the purchase of e-rate eligible equipment through vendor Golden Star Technologies in the total amount of \$219,753.80.