

EL CAMINO REAL ALLIANCE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION

BOARD MEETING DATE: January 28, 2021

AGENDA ITEM:

IV.C 1:1 Laptops

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE ISSUE:

As part of the 21st Century Classroom initiative and its continuing commitment to provide a laptop to each student, the school will need to lease or purchase laptops for the incoming freshmen class of 2021-2022.

PERSONNEL INVOLVED:

Technology department, Business Office personnel.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS (IF ANY):

The total cost of the laptops.

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

This directly goes to the 21st Century Classroom initiative, the importance of which was particularly emphasized during distance learning.

OPTIONS OR SOLUTIONS:

Three quotes are included in this agenda item.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the purchase of up to 1,000 laptops through SHI, which is the most cost effective of the quotes received. Previously, ECR has leased the laptops; however, for this upcoming school year, staff recommends that the laptops be purchased. Not only would this be more cost effective long-term, we can use CARES Act funding to offset at least a portion of this cost.

One issue that may arise will be availability; given that most if not all schools are going to distance learning, the purchase order will only be valid once the ship date is confirmed. If we cannot get confirmation of an ETA by early May, ECR can cancel the purchase order and buy-out the lease of the laptops used by this year's graduating seniors instead.

PROPOSED MOTION:

Motion to approve purchase of up to 1,000 laptops through SHI.