

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Matt McIntire, Chairperson
Board Members
Dr. Randy Poe, Superintendent

FROM: Linda Schild, Finance Officer

DATE: January 23, 2020

RE: Network Wiring Upgrades

The Board is asked to approve a designation of funds for the continuation of scheduled upgrades to our buildings' network wiring infrastructure supporting our information technology systems.

Upgrades have been sustained by rebates from the e-rate program. However funds from that program are diminishing. There is an opportunity to maximize our rebate by accelerating scheduled upgrades to four of our schools. The anticipated rebate amount would be 60% of the cost; the estimated cost is expected to be \$1,130,000. Those schools include Conner Middle, Gray Middle, Erpenbeck Elementary and Ryle High.

Funds to support these upgrades can be made available by releasing the designation on fund balance set aside to open new schools. That balance available is sufficient to support the opening of future schools as well as support the upgrades which will maintain equity with our newer schools.

I recommend the Board approve the release of the funds designated for the opening of new schools for the amount necessary to support the cost of network wiring upgrades as presented.