

To: Anchorage Independent Board Of Education

From: Prindle G. Hinton, Chief Financial Officer
Lee Collard, Director of Technology

Date: July 19, 2025

Subject: Approval of Copier Lease

Recommendation:

Approve copier lease with Visual Edge IT/Epson.

Rationale:

One of the current three (3) copiers located at Anchorage Public School is nearing the end its service life due to heavy use. Although the copier is still under lease, Canon is allowing the lease to expire due to the many issues with the copier and down time associated with repeated service calls.

Upon recommendation of Visual Edge IT, Mr. Collard and I have demoed an Epson AM-C5000 copier. This copier offers heat-free technology for efficient ink usage and low power consumption to maximize waste and decrease energy consumption up to 86%. The copier also operates using less moving parts than typical laser printers, which results in less standard maintenance, less downtime, and high reliability.

If approved, the new, Epson copier will be located at the Board office. The current Board, Canon copier would then replace the aging APS copier.

Budget Implications:

Please see attached "Anchorage Comparison" document for total cost of ownership of the current copier versus the new, proposed copier.

Further, the remaining three (3) copier leases will expire next year, allowing the District to renegotiate all leases (including the proposed Epson lease) for all copiers to be on the same leasing cycle. If the proposed Epson copier performs as expected, all District, Canon copiers will be replaced with Epson copiers for District consistency and energy savings.