Fayette County Public Schools

Fayette County Board of Education Meeting
Agenda Item Executive Summary

MEETING: Planning **DATE:** Nov 9, 2026

TOPIC: Uniti (Windstream) Agreement

PREPARED BY: Amy Johns

Recommended Action on: 11/23/26
Action Item for Vote (REGULAR MEETING)

Superintendent Prior Approval: Yes

Recommendation/Motion: A motion is in order to approve the Uniti (Windstream) agreement for telecommunication services beginning Dec.1, 2026 for one year.

Background/Rationale: The district uses Uniti (Windstream) to provide our copper telephone services, which currently support phones tied to elevators and security alarms. The current pricing was last updated in 2020. Without an updated agreement in place, Uniti has estimated the monthly cost could triple in the next few months. With this proposed agreement, the costs will be reduced. Copper telephone lines are being phased out of the industry. The district has already moved other telecommunications services to offices and classrooms to an internet based system and is in the process of identifying the best option for these remaining safety and security lines. This contract will allow the district the time needed to identify next steps for our remaining copper lines while ensuring current costs are minimized.

Strategic Priority:

- ☐ Student Achievement
- ☐ Unity, Belonging & Student Efficacy
- ☐ Highly Effective, Culturally Responsive Workforce
- ☐ Outreach & Engagement
- ☑ Organizational Health & Effectiveness

Data Considerations: Annual cost of monthly Uniti (Windstream) services will increase significantly in 2027 without a new pricing agreement in place. The funds for this monthly utility service are already included in the FY27 budget, at the current rate. No additional funds are needed if approved.

Policy: 01.11 – General Powers and Duties of the Boards
Fiscal Impact: $175,995.24 annually

Attachments(s): Uniti Agreement 2026