

## Board Meeting Agenda Item Executive Summary

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Board Meeting 1-15-08

Agenda Consent

Item No. G. 10.

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| <b>Board Meeting Date:</b> | January 15, 2008  |
| <b>Submitted By:</b>       | Jim Utley, Chief Technology Officer   |
| <b>Item Description:</b>   | Propose that the district authorize the use of \$64,897.20 of E-Rate finds to budget for an increase in our Internet bandwidth for the 2008-09 school year. |

At the start of the 07-08 school year, the district was at maximum Internet bandwidth utilization. This request will allow us to increase our Internet bandwidth by 40%. Looking at the district trend in Internet usage, this increase will keep pace with our increasing use of the Internet for educational purposes. The following Internet applications were implemented, approved or planned since the beginning of the school year.

- a. Earobics.
- b. Carnegie Math.
- c. All Elementary applications moving to Web based.
- d. Accelerated Reader(very few schools at this time).
- e. MyIT Lab ( for all the business programs),
- f. Moodle (Distance Learning Platform for Teachers).
- g. Reading Adoption.
- h. Most of the education materials such as textbooks and CDs use Internet links to supplement.
- i. On-line Job applications
- j. Google Mail
- k. Edulog Bus Transportation.
- l. My Learning Plan (Staff Development System).

Just a few examples of district projects that now or in the future will require an increase in Internet bandwidth. We need to have approval for this budget increase now in order to submit our 2008-09 E-rate paperwork to receive the 67% rebate for these expenditures. We will receive the 67% rebate after the end of the 2008-09 school year.

Administration recommends that we allocate an additional \$ 64,897.20 to budget for an increase in our Internet bandwidth for the 2008-09 school year.