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Oneida Special School District

Good evening, Board Members,

E-Rate Category 2 provides federal and state-supported funding to help schools purchase and maintain internal network infrastructure, such as Wi-Fi access points, switches, and structured cabling. The Tennessee Education Broadband Consortium (TEBC) conducts statewide competitive bids and establishes master contracts for these eligible products and services. Districts can use these contracts instead of running their own full bid process, while still documenting a fair vendor selection.

The district is seeking board approval to issue its own Category 2 bid **in the event** that statewide contracts are not awarded in time to meet E-Rate timelines and compliance requirements.

Sincerely,

Matt Hicks
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