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To: Arkadelphia Public School Board
Purpose: Seeking approval for Erate Project listed as Form #250012099

Dear School Board

The Technology Department has filed an Erate Form #250012099. The project will cover three areas of concerns

1. New Access Points for all of the schools.
2. New Network Switches for all the schools.
3. UPS (Uninterrupted Power Supplies for Peake)

The Access Points bought in 2023 are beginning to fail. This is a catastrophic event. Over 30% of the 133 access points purchased are no longer working. The warranty for those units is for one year. As for now, I have replaced those units with the old wireless access points. They are from the same manufacturer, and they work just fine. I want to replace all the access points with more dependable ones.

All of the Edge Network Edge Switches are over seven years old and should be replaced now.

The new Peake building needs the UPS for all the Network equipment moving to it. Most of our Technology Services will move to Peake soon.

This Erate project will cover those three areas of concern. The Technology Department recommends that Arkadelphia Public Schools access the complete bids from White River Services for $167,667.48. I project the final cost of this project with taxes at $184,433.70. The district will pay 20% ($36,886.74) out of the Technology budget, with the E-rate program paying the remaining 80% (147,546.96). I have attached the summary evaluations for your review. We are using E-Rate Central (an Erate consultant) to help us file this request with USAC.

To summarize, the Technology Department requests permission to enter into an agreement with White River Services and file with USAC a form 471 to cover the cost of this project.

Sincerely

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