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To: Arkadelphia Public School Board
Purpose: Seeking approval for Erate Project listed as Form #250008519

Dear School Board

The Technology Department has filed an Erate Form #250008519 that will move our current WAN (Wide Area Network) connection to the campuses of Goza Middle School (140 Badger Lane) and Peake Elementary School (1609 Pine Street). This is necessary as the Technology Building is currently being shut down, and the Arkadelphia High School building has an uncertain future.

The Technology Department recommends that Arkadelphia Public School enter into an agreement with Optimum Business for a 10 Gbps connection between Goza Middle School and Peake Elementary School. The agreement will last five (5) Years and cost $49,000.00. The District will be responsible for 20% of the total cost. The estimated total cost is $53,900.00 with taxes. The district's first-year commitment will be $5,500. For the remaining years, the district cost will be $1,320.00. All the funding will come out of the Technology Budget. This means that USAC (Universal Service Administrative Company) will pay 80%, which is $43,120, over the next five years.

I have attached the evaluation summary to this letter. 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 Optimum Business and file with USAC a form 471 to cover the cost of this project.

Sincerely

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