

To: Board of Education

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Re: Purchase of Content Filtering Solution

Date: July 7, 2016

Background:

The current content filtering solution for USD 497 is iBoss, which expires in July 2016. iBoss does not offer an offsite content filtering solution. In August 2016, the district will be rolling out a 1:1 environment at the middle schools allowing students to take iPads offsite beyond normal school hours. In addition, both high schools will be piloting a 1:1 environment and many devices are available for check out through the library media centers.

Rationale:

As the district continues to move toward more technological devices within the schools with the increased availability for those devices to be taken outside the district, the need has arisen for offsite content filtering in addition to our onsite content filtering. The district's IT Department has researched and piloted possible solutions. After much consideration, it is believed that the best solution is Securly Anywhere Filtering provided by Securly, Inc. Along with onsite and offsite filtering, the solution also includes screen analytics for social media, bullying/self-harm sentiment detection, technical support, automatic product updates and a base parent portal feature. Securly, Inc. has submitted a quote for a three-year contract.

Recommendation:

Administration recommends that the board enter into a three-year contract with Securly, Inc. to provide onsite and offsite filtering through their Securly Anywhere Filtering package for a total amount of \$71,500 to be paid out of the General Fund – Technology budget.

Motion:

"I move the Board of Education approve the funding of the three-year Securly, Inc. content filtering contract in the total amount of \$71,500."