BIBB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dr. Dan A. Sims, Superintendent

ACTION MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Public Education for Bibb County ("Board")
Dr. Dan A. Sims, Superintendent
From: Sam Kitchens, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Subject: ESPLOST 2021 Budget Amendment #7

Summary

This memorandum is requesting an ESPLOST 2021 budget amendment to the Technology line item to increase it from $15,426,231 to $16,426,231 to provide for the purchase of new data servers.

Background

The original budget estimates for proposed ESPLOST 2021 projects were developed starting in 2018. Once potential projects were identified, preliminary budgets were set and the ESPLOST 2021 referendum was developed from these budgets.

Technology has identified the critical condition of the current data center server cluster, which is out of warranty and at the end of its expected lifecycle. Continuing to operate the existing infrastructure presents increasing risks, including hardware failure, extended outages, security exposure, and unplanned emergency costs. Renewing annual support for FY27 alone is estimated at approximately $250,000, with no extension of hardware life and no long-term cost certainty. Technology is proposing to replace the aging hardware entirely and securing five years of software licensing and warranty coverage. This provides predictable costs, reduces operational risk, improves system reliability and performance, and aligns with established lifecycle management best practices. Overall, the investment avoids repeated short-term expenditures while ensuring continuity of core technology services that support District operations and instructional systems.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Bibb County Board of Education approves the proposed ESPLOST 2021 Budget amendment for Technology from $15,426,231 to $16,426,231 to provide for data server technology costs and the reduction of the Contingency amount from $1,000,000 to $.00.

Superintendent's Comments and Approval

Superintendent's Signature	Approved / Not Approved
Dr. Dan A. Sims	Approved