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: Kevin Adams, Chief Information Officer
Joshua Moneypenny, Director of Technology

Subject: Cybersecurity Grant: Email Security

Summary

The Office of Technology Services is seeking Board approval to purchase Proofpoint's Email Security Platform from SHI. This purchase will provide email security for our Microsoft email system.

Background

The Bibb County School District conducted a competitive bid process for email security services. RFQ 26-004 was issued, and 13 proposals were reviewed to identify a solution that is technologically sound and provides a heightened focus on cybersecurity. Email security scanning is vital for K-12 school districts to protect sensitive student and staff data from sophisticated phishing and ransomware attacks. Because schools handle extensive personally identifiable information (PII) and financial records, they are primary targets for cybercriminals seeking to exploit network vulnerabilities. Implementing robust scanning solutions ensures that malicious links, malware, and fraudulent attachments are intercepted before reaching a user's inbox, maintaining educational continuity. Ultimately, proactive email filtering fosters a safer digital learning environment and secures the critical infrastructure necessary for daily school operations. 85% of this purchase will be paid for with FCC Cybersecurity Pilot Program funding. The FCC Schools and Libraries Cybersecurity Pilot Program is a three-year, $200 million initiative designed to help K-12 schools and libraries deploy advanced cybersecurity services and equipment. The District proactively applied for funding, detailing our need for advanced threat mitigation to protect our digital learning ecosystem. Because our proposal demonstrated a critical commitment to securing student PII and enhancing network resilience, we were successfully selected as a pilot participant and awarded funding to deploy these enterprise security solutions.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Bibb County Board of Education authorizes the purchase order to SHI for Proofpoint Email Security Platform in the amount not to exceed

$549,900.00. The funding source is $468,735.30 from FCC Cybersecurity Pilot Program and $81,164.70 from local funds.

Superintendent's Comments and Approval

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