

2026 Chronology: Blue Ally Managed Cloud and Security Services

The Division of Information and Instructional Technology (DIIT) seeks approval to continue managed cloud and security services and to implement several strategic Microsoft cloud modernization initiatives provided by Blue Ally. These services support the District's Microsoft Azure and Microsoft 365 environments and help ensure that critical technology systems remain secure, reliable, modernized, and available for students, teachers, and staff.

As the District continues to expand its use of cloud-based technologies, maintaining a secure and stable technology environment has become increasingly important. Many of the applications and services used daily by students and employees depend on Microsoft cloud platforms to support instructional programs, communication tools, collaboration, identity management, data storage, cybersecurity, and business operations. Blue Ally provides specialized expertise to help the District manage, secure, optimize, and modernize these cloud environments while also supporting future technology initiatives.

These services include ongoing Microsoft 365 security monitoring and support, Azure cloud consumption, cloud architecture assessments, Microsoft Copilot readiness planning, and modernization of the District's SharePoint environment. Collectively, these efforts help strengthen cybersecurity protections, improve operational efficiency, enhance collaboration capabilities, and support the District's long-term technology strategy.

Please note that this chronology is intentionally written at a high level to provide transparency while maintaining necessary limitations that protect the District's security posture. Certain technical and operational details are not included in public-facing documentation to avoid creating unnecessary security risks.

Blue Ally AllyCare for Microsoft 365- Cost: \$236,984

Blue Ally will provide managed Microsoft 365 security, monitoring, and support services to help protect and maintain the District's Microsoft cloud environment. These services include proactive security monitoring, breach detection, technical support, and ongoing optimization of Microsoft 365 services.

Key Services Include:

- Microsoft 365 security monitoring and threat detection
- Security hardening and configuration management
- Identity protection and breach detection services
- Conditional Access, Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA), and security policy management
- Data Loss Prevention (DLP) and retention policy support
- Monitoring of Microsoft Defender security tools
- Microsoft 365 technical support and troubleshooting
- Incident management and escalation services
- Support for Exchange Online, Teams, SharePoint, OneDrive, Entra ID, Intune, and Microsoft security platforms
- Quarterly security reviews and optimization recommendations
- Access to certified Microsoft engineers for technical assistance

Microsoft Azure Cloud Services- Cost: \$472,963.41

The District utilizes Microsoft Azure cloud services to support technology operations across schools and administrative offices. Azure provides computing resources, data storage, networking, backup, application hosting, and security services that support critical instructional and business systems throughout the District.

Key Services Include:

- Cloud computing and infrastructure services
- Data storage and backup services
- Application hosting and support
- Cloud networking services
- Disaster recovery and business continuity capabilities
- Security and monitoring services
- Scalable cloud resources to support changing operational needs
- Reduced reliance on on-premises hardware and infrastructure

Azure Assessment and Cloud Strategy Services- Cost: \$30,300

Blue Ally will conduct a comprehensive assessment of the District's current Azure and on-premises environments to evaluate cloud architecture, governance, security, and operational effectiveness. The assessment will help identify opportunities to improve performance, security, scalability, and cost efficiency while providing a roadmap for future cloud initiatives.

Key Services Include:

- Assessment of existing Azure resources and cloud infrastructure
- Review of on-premises servers, networking, storage, and identity systems
- Azure Well-Architected Framework review
- Cloud governance and operational maturity assessment
- Security and compliance review
- Network architecture and segmentation planning
- Migration readiness evaluation
- Cloud modernization roadmap development
- Future-state Azure architecture recommendations
- Executive-level planning and strategy documentation

Microsoft Copilot Readiness Assessment- Cost: \$24,800

Blue Ally will evaluate the District's Microsoft 365 environment to determine readiness for Microsoft Copilot and other artificial intelligence capabilities. The assessment will identify data governance, security, permissions, and content management considerations necessary to safely and effectively deploy AI-powered productivity tools.

Key Services Include:

- Microsoft Copilot readiness assessment
- Review of Microsoft 365 tenant configuration
- Assessment of SharePoint, Teams, and OneDrive environments
- Review of permissions and data access controls
- Identification of oversharing and data governance risks
- Security and compliance evaluation

- Recommendations for AI readiness improvements
- Remediation planning for identified issues

SharePoint Classic to Modern Upgrade- Cost: \$19,375

Blue Ally will modernize the District's SharePoint Online environment by migrating existing classic SharePoint sites and subsites to the modern SharePoint experience. This initiative will improve usability, collaboration capabilities, accessibility, and long-term supportability of the District's intranet environment.

Key Services Include:

- Assessment of existing SharePoint sites and content
- Migration planning and requirements review
- Creation of modern SharePoint sites and subsites
- Modernization of pages and web components
- Migration of document libraries and lists
- Navigation and permissions reconfiguration
- Content validation and testing
- User experience improvements and modernization support

Procurement:

Pursuant to Board Policy DJE III.D.3.d, purchases may be made through contracts formally solicited and obtained by governmental entities to achieve cost savings and administrative efficiencies. Blue Ally services will be procured utilizing the GSA Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) Contract GS-35F-016BA cooperative purchasing agreement.

Financial Impact:

Service Category	2025-26 Cost	2026-27 Cost
Microsoft Azure Cloud Consumption	\$534,200.00	\$472,963.41
Managed Microsoft 365 Security & Support Services	\$148,100.00	\$236,984.00
Azure Environment Assessment & Cloud Strategy	N/A	\$30,300.00
Microsoft Copilot Readiness Assessment	N/A	\$24,800.00
SharePoint Modernization Project	N/A	\$19,375.00
Total	\$682,300	\$784,422.41 Amount Requested