

Q&A on Cellular Service

Q: What are the district's choices in cell service?

A: Currently Warren County is served by Cell One, Verizon, and Sprint. Sprint's coverage is sporadic and would not meet the needs of the district, leaving Verizon and Cell One.

Q: Why do we need to make a decision about cell phones now?

A: The district can get reimbursement on its cell phones if we follow the eRate guidelines which specify that we must make a decision by February 16th.

Q: Why didn't we start this earlier, it appears rushed.

A: The application process seems "rushed" because we did not count on having to make a decision between two vendors. We have never had two vendors that could meet our needs contact us after requesting proposals. Prior to posting our 470 this December the Tech Dept attempted to contact Verizon and received no response, leaving only Cell One offering service through Warren County. Because Sprint does not meet our needs and Verizon did not respond, we had all intentions on staying with Cell One. Our current contract with Cell One expires on Aug. 11, 2006 and we had felt we would just stay with them on a month by month basis until the end of the school year - June 30, 2007. We would begin the new e-rate process again in October of 2006 for school year 2007-08 so we can have our contract dates sync up to go from July-June.

In Mid January we received a call from a Verizon Reseller named Unwired, Inc. and wanted to speak with us about service. Now because we have more than one proposal we need to make a selection of a vendor. If we did not receive any other proposals except the one we had currently with Cell One there would have been no need for Board Action.

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