

## Executive Summary

Topic: Microsoft Open Volume Subscription for Education Solutions

Committee Meeting Date: February 24, 2014

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Microsoft licensing can be purchased in several different ways. The Technology Department has researched each method and has arrived on leasing of licensing to be the best solution for the district. Leased licensing allows for the district to guarantee Microsoft licensing compliance as well as being assured that the new releases are covered under our agreement. Any new product updates and platform upgrades are covered as part of the software assurance plan. The district also receives several benefits such as training resources, Home Usage, extended hot fix support, student versions of Office 2013 and resources for the WCCC Computer Repair Curriculum. This method of leasing also allows the district to spread payments over the course of the agreement rather than buying perpetual licensing up front, as the district has done in the past.

Previous Microsoft licensing agreements have required districts to license each user or device. The updates in the new Microsoft Open Volume Subscription for Education Solutions allow licensing to be based on a formula based on full time, part time and non-professional employees. The formula is a much better option for the district as the amount of devices and users would be four times higher than our FTE figures. The district will be licensing 561 full time employees based on the formula Microsoft has provided, allowing the district to provide Microsoft products to all students and devices that they use without additional licensing costs. This allows the district to provide up to date Microsoft applications to students that were previously cost prohibitive.

Microsoft allows school districts to enter the agreement for a 1 year or 3 year term.

Technology Maintenance account has the budget to cover this expense, which is a savings of roughly \$11,000 from our last agreement, to purchase Microsoft Licensing for the 2014/2015 school year. The costs for year 2 and 3 of this agreement will become budgeted expenses in the Technology Maintenance account.

### **Recommended Motion:**

That the Board of School Directors approves the quote from GovConnection off of the COSTARS contract, to enroll in the Microsoft Open Volume Subscription for Education Solutions for a term of 3 years at the yearly cost of \$41,579.44 with the option of extending the agreement after year 3 for another term of 3 years.