

INTERNET CONNECTIVITY SERVICES
COX COMMUNICATIONS

Clark County School District (CCSD) Regulation 3312 requires Board approval for all purchases over \$50,000.00. The Technology and Information Systems Services Division proposes to purchase in-home internet connectivity services from Cox Communications with an estimated one-year total cost of \$4,800,000.00 for up to 20,000 Connect2Compete connections for qualifying students in CCSD households, effective August 14, 2020, through August 13, 2021.

In order to support the District's distance learning needs and the long-term goal for 1:1 device distribution, some households will require home internet with Wi-Fi for students to be connected to the CCSD learning management system, communication and collaboration systems, and online tools and resources to participate and succeed with their distance education. The Cox Connect2Compete program for CCSD will provide high speed internet and a comprehensive suite of online safety software tools including Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) compliant filtering, which will block students from accessing dangerous or inappropriate websites when they are connected to the internet through their devices.

The Purchasing Department has reviewed the request for purchase and has determined that contracting for these goods and services may be exempted from the competitive bidding process in accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 332.

If approved, a contract will be executed by the Purchasing Department to include District indemnification and any necessary insurance requirements. The supplier must agree to all District contract requirements prior to providing goods and services. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Connect2Compete program was made available at no cost to all qualifying CCSD student households through July 15, 2020. The program was extended cost free for two additional months for new accounts effective July 22, 2020. Should the Board of School Trustees not approve, limited income families will be responsible for acquiring and paying for in-home internet connectivity to support distance education for their children.

Discussion and possible action on approval to purchase in-home internet connectivity for qualifying households from Cox Communications with an estimated one-year total cost of \$4,800,000.00 effective August 14, 2020, through August 13, 2021, to be paid from the General Fund and the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Grant, is recommended.