

CELLULAR HOTSPOT INTERNET CONNECTIVITY SERVICES
KAJEET

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 cellular hotspot internet connectivity services from Kajeet with an estimated one-year total cost of \$1,800,000, for up to 5,000 mobile hotspots 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. CCSD requires a system of communication that is not dependent on a singular cellular provider, to ensure connectivity for students in outlying or rural areas, or in some cases urban areas with limited coverage, where service by specific providers is not guaranteed.

The Kajeet hotspots will provide high speed internet with unlimited data, and 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. Should the Board of School Trustees not approve, some 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 hotspots for qualifying households from Kajeet with an estimated one-year total cost of \$1,800,000, effective August 14, 2020, through August 13, 2021, to be paid from Grant and/or General funds, is recommended.