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Date: January 16, 2020

To: Honorable Board of Trustees

From: Ms. Gina Sudaria, Interim Superintendent

Re: *Consideration to Approve Contract with Think Connected for Project Management Services for RCSD IT Infrastructure Upgrades Phases 3-5*

SUMMARY:

Think Connected plans to provide IT consulting and project management services to the district thereby enabling a better learning environment for students, staff, administration and community.

RATIONALE:

In late 2017 Think Connected provided an IT assessment to the administration and presented it to the school board. These recommendations became the basis for our Five Phase approach to upgrading the IT infrastructure of the schools and district. The IT Infrastructure Project is replacing old technology infrastructure and cabling at schools in order to fulfill district goals including the implementation of a new online curricula and providing teachers and staff with the tools they need to provide a quality education to our students. The last major upgrade of this infrastructure at Ravenswood was in 1998.

With the assistance of Think Connected, Phases 1 (New Phone System) & 2 (New Paging, Network, & AudioVisual [AV] systems at RMS) have been completed. We are recommending that we continue the remaining IT Infrastructure Upgrades which include:

Phase 3 – Backup District Data Center at School Site – *cost estimate \$400,000, Spring 2020*

Phase 4 – Central Data Center Upgrade – *cost estimate \$730,000, Spring 2020*

Phase 5 – Cabling, Network, AV Upgrades at Remaining Sites – *cost estimate \$6,900,000, Summer 2020*

Upon approval, Think Connected will provide the following services to the district:

- Provide engineering and design services to design and write the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Phases 3, 4 & 5, including technical diagrams and documentation.
- Assist the district with writing the RFPs for Phases 3, 4 & 5.
- Provide project management and engineering services to facilitate the project from start to finish for Phases 3 and 4 as the lead project manager.
- Assist the district with redesign and reducing budget for Phase 5 now that school mergers have been approved by the board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The estimated cost of the services provided by Think Connected is not to exceed \$222,860 and will be paid for with Measure H & S Bond funds. Note that project management costs were included in the above and previous project cost estimates to the board and facilities committee.

STUDENT IMPACT:

The results of this contract will positively impact all students and staff at Ravenswood.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Contract with Think Connected for Project Management Services for RCSD IT Infrastructure Upgrades Phases 3-5.