



AGENDA ACTION FORM

Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing Kingsport City Schools to Change Internet Providers to United Data Technologies (UDT) and Authorizing the Mayor to Apply for Category One E-Rate Funding and to Sign All Necessary Documents

To: Board of Mayor and Aldermen
From: Chris McCartt, City Manager *CM*

Action Form No.: AF-67-2026
Work Session: March 16, 2026
First Reading: N/A
Final Adoption: March 17, 2026
Staff Work By: Schools Technology
Presentation By: David Frye

Strategic Focus Area: World-Class Education

Recommendation:
Approve the Resolution.

Executive Summary:
If approved, Kingsport City Schools will change internet providers to United Data Technologies, Inc. (UDT), request Category One E-Rate funding using the Anderson County, Tennessee, contract, and save approximately \$227,700 annually.

Under the Federal Communication Commission’s E-Rate program, the Kingsport City Schools anticipates receiving funding assistance from the Universal Service Fund. Information regarding the selected vendor, products, and services will be submitted to the Universal Service Administrative Company. The USAC will then issue a funding commitment which discounts the cost of the equipment and services.

If we continue with our current provider, Zayo Education, without E-Rate funding, cost would be approximately \$645,300 annually for internet service; with E-Rate funding, cost would be approximately \$70,146 annually. UDT cost without E-Rate funding would be approximately \$417,600 annually; with E-Rate funding, cost would be approximately \$41,760.

Funding will be from the School General Purpose funds.

- Attachments:**
1. Resolution
 2. UDT Quote
 3. Zayo Invoice
 4. Additional Information

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