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RATIFY INCREASE IN SPENDING AUTHORITY FOR

ACQUISITION OF JUNIPER NETWORKING

HARDWARE

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REPORT:

The College has a need to modernize its information network, to make it more fault-tolerant and robust, and to increase its capacity. In order that we continue to meet the College's growing use of technology.

Resolution 11-007 (15 July 2010) authorized the use of Juniper equipment, and its purchase through a Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) contract. Estimated initial spending was \$800,000 in that Resolution. The College is a member of WSCA, which is a multi-state, not-for-profit membership organization whose purpose is to maximize the value of government funds in technology purchases. Using a WSCA contract is allowed without a competitive process per the College Procurement Rules (CCR 214).

The College has a need to increase the purchasing authority sooner than originally planned, in order to complete the work at the Sylvania campus over the next six months. Originally, the plan was to complete the Rock Creek campus next, but further design work needs to be completed to ensure that needed mechanical and electrical infrastructure upgrades are incorporated in the work. Therefore, the Sylvania active electronics hardware purchases need to be made sooner than in the original plan. Based on this need, the District President authorized increased purchasing authority to \$1,600,000

in order to be able to purchase equipment needed for the Sylvania work.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Directors ratify the District President's decision to provide increased spending authority (from the earlier-approved \$800,000 to a total of \$1,600,000) for the purchase of hardware needed to continue the modernization of the District's network systems. Funds will be provided by the 2008 Bond program.