Response to Questions / Clarifications (Addendum) – 3/5/2021

Questions

The following are the questions submitted before the first due date for this Questions about this RFP. All questions are published verbatim as received, without regard to errors in spelling, punctuation, or grammar, to avoid misrepresenting any submission. The format may be changed to fit this Response. Answers to questions, as well as any necessary clarification of material misunderstandings or errors in question content are addressed in the responses, which are indicated in **blue** after each question.

1) Can you send over a faculty + staff count?
    Response: Per RFP paragraph 1.1, there are over 2,400 employees.
2) Can you share the student count?
    Response: The enrollment, as listed for E-rate, is 16,755.
3) How many concurrent VPN connections do you require?
    Response: 250
4) Is a 100GB scalability ok or is 100gb required out of the box?
    Response: The proposed firewall solutions must support at least four 40Gbps/100Gbps QSFP+/QSFP28 traffic ports per device. The District will be scaling its infrastructure in the future, to begin using these ports.
5) What model(s) PaloAlto firewalls are currently running in the environment?
    Response: The District has existing Palo Alto firewalls that will be replaced. The specific model will be shared with the successful vendor.
    a) What quantitie(s)?
    Response: Four (4)
    b) Are the current firewalls keeping up with the inspection throughput?
    Response: Yes
    c) Any there any future growth needs we need to be aware of and plan for?
    Response: No
    d) Is PaloAlto the current VPN? If so, has this been working well for remote workers / remote learning needs?
    Response: Yes to both questions.
6) PaloAlto Networks recently have several newer security feature licenses, are there any additional security license features requirements?
    Response: No
    a) If so, what are they? OR I can brief the customer on what options are out there??
    Response: No additional features required.

Clarifications

Following are the clarifications to the Request for Proposals (RFP). They will be considered as part of the RFP. Other provisions of the RFP shall remain in effect. Changes are shown ***bolded and italicized***.

1.   Revise Paragraph 1.4.3 to read: Proposals shall be labeled "Naperville CUSD 203 – ***Firewall Replacement.***