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TO: Nine Mile Creek Board of Managers
FROM: Randy Anhorn
DATE: September 8, 2021
RE: Imagine IT Proposal

Background/Information

The District's file server is six years old and our IT team (Imagine IT) suggests replacing the physical hardware every 5 years. There are two options:

- Replace the hardware and upgrade operating systems or migrate to the cloud.
 - Replace Hardware
 - It will likely be around \$13,000-\$15,000 for the equipment, licensing, and labor.
 - Move to a cloud-based system
 - Develop a site in SharePoint and move our files there. Create cloud directory within Microsoft Azure.

The biggest perks of going to the cloud is that there isn't a big upfront cost for hardware, although migrating the District's files to SharePoint, we won't be on an endless cycle of having to maintain and replacing physical hardware every 5 years, we won't need to worry about buying new licensing to upgrade our operating system when it is time to replace, and it truly helps enable the notion of "work from anywhere". In addition, by eliminating the physical hardware from reduce our current monthly license subscription by \$108/month.

Attached are the proposals to migrate District files to SharePoint and develop and deploy a cloud-based system and free us from the future server replacement life cycle.

Request

For discussion.