

# Technology Report

February, 2022

## Content Filtering

Our current iBoss appliance solution is nearing its end-of-life and requires extensive custom scripting. We are in the process of evaluating the candidates. We are continuing to narrowing the field to 2 or 3 for further evaluation.

## Backup Collaboration

The new WAN links for Monarch have been installed and configured. Monarch is working on configuring their network to allow their systems to be backed up. Winding Rivers has ordered the WAN links to connect to SCLS. We are waiting for AT&T to configure the new links. The Dell residency program has started. We have access to a dedicated Dell technician for the rest of February. We are currently working with the technician to ensure the system is configured following best practices. SCLS and LEAN WI have also scheduled another major software upgrade to the backup platform.

## Grants

**ARPA & LSTA:** In addition to the grant for the hybrid storage lockers, SCLS has received additional ARPA funds and LSTA Sparsity funds. These funds will be combined with an additional \$100,000 of available state aid to systems in 2022 to fund some of the projects that libraries selected when we were working on the initial ARPA grant applications. More information on how these funds will be applied will be presented at the March 17 All Directors meeting.

**TEACH Infrastructure Funds:** It has been reported that the TEACH Infrastructure grant program will be eliminated and 2021/2022 will be the last grant year. SCLS did submit a few applications and we will be applying for reimbursement for the participating libraries.

**2022 E-rate:** All requests for proposal (470 forms) have been submitted for E-rate for the 2022/2023 grant cycle. We are now receiving proposals from vendors. We will select the vendor and submit the applications by March 22. E-rate libraries are reminded to turn their paperwork by March 1 if they have not already done so.

## Cost Formula Work Group 2022 for 2023

The Cost Formula Work Group has met and completed its work. No changes were made to any of the technology services fee formulas.