Pittsburg Unified School District
2000 Railroad Ave.
Pittsburg, CA 94565

E-RATE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
NETWORK SWITCH INSTALLATION

#2026 Network Switch Installation

ADDENDUM 1
Questions and Answers

Q1: We wish to propose a solution other than Meraki. The RFP states: "Mounting, installation, setup, configuration, and integration to existing Meraki Dashboard." We wish to quote a non-Cisco/Meraki solution. According to the Meraki website, the Meraki dashboard does not support non-Meraki switches. Are you willing to consider non-Meraki solutions if we meet all other technical requirements?

A1: The district requires integration into the existing Meraki dashboard for centralized management, removing the need to monitor across multiple dashboards and environments.

Q2: “All switches in an IDF must have stack power cabling". Our solution uses dual power supplies in each switch in the stack. Will this suffice for redundancy?

A2: The district requires stacking power as it reduces the amount of necessary power supplies, AC outlets, and cooling.

Q3: Is a breakdown of locations where these switches will be deployed available?

A3: A breakdown of switch locations is available upon request.

Q4: What is the current network management platform?

A4: Cisco/Meraki Cloud Networking Dashboard

Q5: Is there no management and it is command-line administration?

A5: Cisco Meraki devices are managed through the cloud-based, Meraki Dashboard for configuration and monitoring. The dashboard is GUI based and there are options for command-line administration for advanced troubleshooting.

Q6: Is it a hardware appliance, virtual appliance or cloud based?

A6: Cloud based

Q7: If hardware or virtual, is it in an HA configuration? (Yes/No)

A7: N/A

Q8: Will the switches be mounted in a 2 or 4 post rack, or in a cabinet?

A8: The switches will be installed 2 post, 4 post, and cabinets.

Q9: If 2/4 post rack, what is the usable depth?

A9: The usable depth will be a minimum of 30”

Q10: If Cabinet, what are the standard cabinet dimensions? (24Ux30in deep, etc.)

A10: Standard cabinet dimensions are 26Ux30” or 19Ux30”

Q11: What is the usable depth? (Please provide a measurement from the front rails to the back of the cabinet)

A11: Usable depth is 30”

Q12: What is the maximum weight rating for wall mounted cabinets?

A12: Cabinets have a 300-pound load capacity

Q13: Please list the exceptions, where the cabinets are a different depth or weight rating than the normal.

A13: All locations should meet depth and weight capacity.

Q14: Please list all known locations where environmental conditions are a challenge. (hot rooms, dirty/dusty, low power/airflow, etc.)

A14: All locations have adequate known conditions.

Q15: What is the existing, available input Power Type per location (wall outlet/UPS/PDU)?

A15: UPS

Q16: From the wall or UPS (NEMA5-15 (120v 15a), NEMA5-20 (120v 20a), etc.)

A16: NEMA5-15 (120v 15a)

Q17: From a PDU (C13/14, C19)

A17: N/A

Q18: Is space available to install the new switch/es without removing the old?

A18: Most spaces do not have enough space to install new switches without removing the old. Removal of old equipment is a requirement in the RFP.

Q19: Is wired 802.1x implemented? (Yes/No)

A19: No

Q20: If yes, what is the NAC/RADIUS application? (ISE/ClearPass/FortiNAC/Other)

A20: Cisco ISE

Q21: The RFP requires Cat6A cables to be provided in the length needed to patch from existing patch panels to new switches. Can PUSD confirm that the expectation for bidding purposes is for the vendor to provide unit pricing for standard short lengths (1ft, 2ft, 3ft) in the quotation sheet, with final color code quantities and length determined by the vendor during the installation phase to ensure an optimal, professional, low-slack aesthetic.

A21: The vendor is to provide unit pricing for short length patch cables to achieve a professional low-slack aesthetic.

Sealed proposals are due until **2:00 P.M.** on **December 19, 2025,** at the Pittsburg Unified School District, Facilities Department, 3200 Loveridge Road, Pittsburg, CA 94565, for the award of a contract, as follows:

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