

Thornton Fractional TWP High School District 215
Request For Proposals
Hyperconverged Infrastructure and Backup System
Vendor Questions and Answers
January 16, 2026

- Question: What is the 470 Application number?
Answer: Form 470 Application Number: 260011691
- Question: Would you consider a 3-tier architecture as an alternative?
Answer: Alternative architecture would be considered; however, there is no change to the evaluation criteria and weights, including the cost of E-Rate eligible products and services.
- Question: Would you consider an alternative hypervisor to Nutanix?
Answer: Alternative hypervisors would be considered; however, there is no change to the evaluation criteria and weights, including the cost of E-Rate eligible products and services.
- Question: Does the solution need to include segmentation?
Answer: Micro segmentation is required specification of the RFP.
- How much capacity do you want for your backups?
Answer: We currently use a pair of Data Domains (one at each of the data centers) to back up and replicate data locally and to store temporary data for backup to an online backup service. Each Data Domain currently has 19 TB (compressed and deduplicated) of the 24 TB available. Uncompressed and with no deduplication, this is approximately 271.9 TB of space consumed. We require a 50% increase in available storage (uncompressed and not deduplicated) for backups at each location.
- How many VMs need to be backed up?
Answer: We are currently backing up 31 VMs. However, we expect this number to go down during this project as we consolidate and decommission VMs.
- Total storage in use today?
Answer: Total storage by datacenter is listed below. Backup storage capacity is listed in the answer above.

Admin Datacenter: 8.8 TB

North Datacenter: 8.68 TB

South Datacenter: 11.39 TB

Center Datacenter: 24.72 TB

- Can details around retention policies be shared(eg number of daily backups/weekly/monthly)?

Answer: The current retention policy is 14 days daily, 4 weeks weekly, 12 months monthly, and 7 years yearly.

- Question: The RFP states that we need to include a backup solution as well in section 4.6. But in the next section, 4.6.2, it says the backup is outside of the scope of this project, please clarify.

Answer: The district is satisfied with its current backup software. The district is seeking proposals to replace the hardware targets that software backups are stored upon. The software is outside the scope of the RFP, but the backup target hardware falls within the scope.

- Question: Can you run RV Tools report and send us a copy?

Answer: Yes. An RV Tools report will be available. Please email pwakefield@tfd215.org to request a copy of the report. The same report will be sent to all requesting vendors.