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A brief sampling of costs to upgrade existing phone systems to gain E911 compliance:

Washington West SU:

Harwood HS, estimated cost of \$65,000 to connect with VoIP phone system.

\$10,000 per elementary school to connect to this same network.

Approximately \$125,000 for initial cost overall, monthly fees to increase significantly.

South Royalton School:

Current estimate is \$40,000. Has been discussed at local level, might be possible in FY2016.

Addison Rutland SU:

Estimate \$3500 per school to upgrade PBX system

Estimate \$15,000 to upgrade Fair Haven HS, entire system needs replacement.

Schools would need PRI service which would double current phone service.

St. Albans Town Education Center:

Estimate of \$10,000 per month to add PRI and upgrade copper lines.

(One building serving 715 students.)

Newport City Elementary School:

Estimated \$24,000 to upgrade current phone system.

PRI= Primary Rate Interface PBX=Private Branch Exchange VoIP= Voice over Internet Protocol

E-rate funding can cover some recurring costs, unlikely that it will cover capital costs. Difference is Priority One vs. Priority Two. A perhaps over-simplified way to look at E-rate reimbursements is:

- Priority One services: Cover monthly recurring costs; phone service, Internet service, etc.
- Priority Two services: Usually cover capital costs.

Underlying issue is that Priority Two services are less and less likely to be covered because Priority One is funded first. Priority Two reimbursements continue to decrease.

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