



North Boone

Community Unit School District 200

**Group II E-Rate Funding & Firewall Updates
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E-Rate Funding Overview

WHAT IS E-RATE?

- **E-Rate Funding**
 - Federal funding from the FCC that supports us in having internet (broadband) and phone (telecommunication) services
- **Group I E-Rate:** Internet & telecommunications *services*
- **Group II E-Rate:** Infrastructure for *distributing* the services

#1

Determine your
Eligibility

#2

Submit Form 470
(RFP)

#3

Wait for 28-Day
Bidding Process

#6

Wait for USAC to
Review

#5

File Form 471
(Describe Services
Ordered)

#4

Select Service
Provider and Sign
Contracts

#7

USAC Confirms
Services and
Funding

#8

Equipment is
Installed

#9

File Form 486 to
Confirm Receipt
of Services

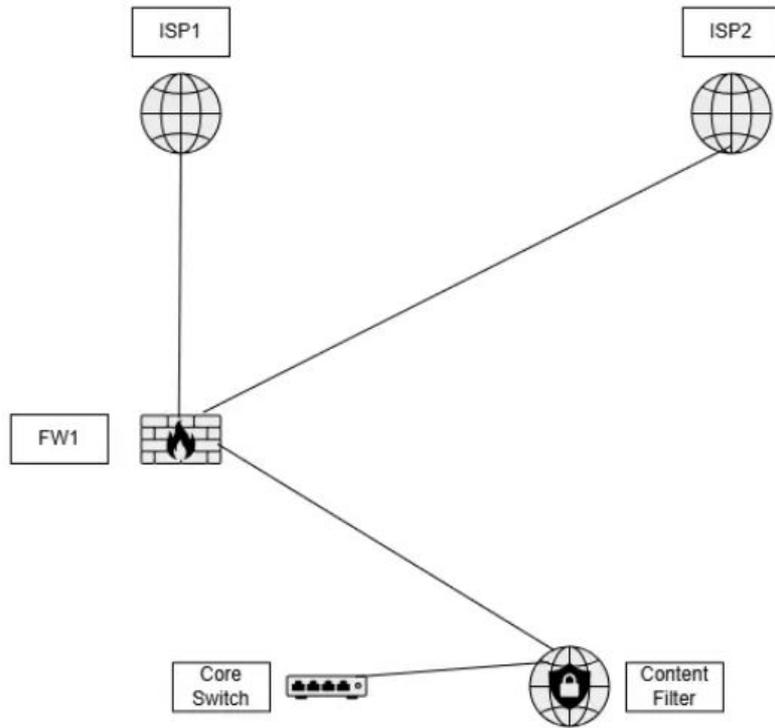


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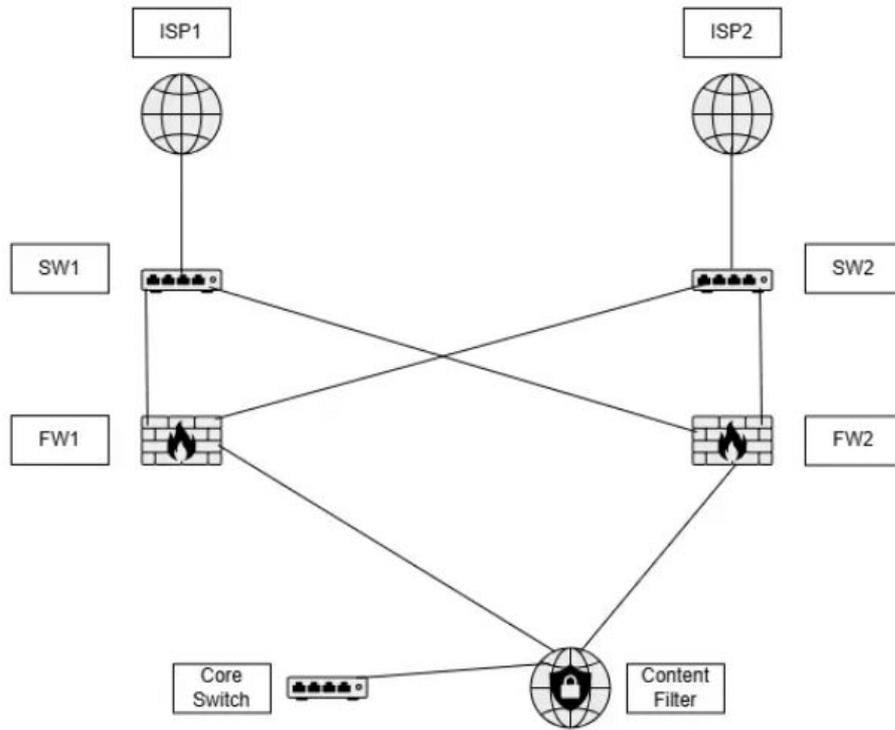


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Project, Cost, & Recommendation

- **Project:** Purchase 2 updated firewalls, along with all supporting software and licenses
- **Cost:** Approximately \$139k
 - E-Rate will only cover **one** firewall which will cover approximately \$64k
 - It is approximately \$40k in additional funding to have the second firewall installed