

To: Board of Education

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Re: Wireless Access & Devices for Students/Families

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Background:

More and more educational content is delivered electronically. Technology is also increasingly how students learn. The ability to learn and explore should not be driven by a student's economic situation. The district surveyed high school students, and estimates that approximately 120 high school students are without access to computers or tablets outside of school.

Providing wireless access and computer devices for use after school hours addresses the district's goal of equity, excellence and engagement by making this available for students who do not otherwise have them. In addition to providing students with access to digital content outside of the classroom, students will now be able to delve deeper into a learning project, or explore a new topic to enhance classroom performance or simply satisfy a curiosity.

Current Report:

The report to the Board of Education will review the computer devices available and the ways in which WIFI access and these devices are being distributed to students/families in need, after school hours. Additionally, a couple of students report on how they feel this is beneficial.