

To: Board of Education

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Re: Replacement of Computers – Elementary Schools

Date: December 8, 2016

Background:

The USD 497 Department of Technology Services follows a four year refresh cycle on all devices in order to ensure that they are adequate and available for students and staff.

Rationale:

Many of the elementary laptops carts are four years old or older and need to be refreshed. With the use of Apple iPads and MacBooks in all elementary blended classrooms, refreshing the laptop carts with MacBooks is the logical decision in order to maintain continuity within the classroom. Apple has provided a quote with an end-of-the-year discount for 200 11" MacBook Air computers in the amount of \$152,800 to refresh the elementary laptop carts. By making the purchase now, the district can capitalize on the year-end discount and ensure that the laptops are refreshed before testing begins during second semester.

Recommendation:

Administration recommends board approval for the purchase of 200 MacBook Air computers from Apple in the amount of \$152,800 to be paid from Capital Outlay - Technology Funds.

Motion:

"I move the Board of Education approve the purchase of 200 11" MacBook Air computers from Apple in an amount not to exceed \$152,800."