

Date: July 7, 2025

To: Dr. Robert Halverson, Superintendent of Schools
East Aurora School District 131 Board of Education

From: Paula Cardona, Executive Director of Information Systems/CIO

Subject: Upgrade Request for High School Finance Lab 202 – Replacement of 5+ Year-Old Computers

Device Purchase:

Seeking approval to purchase 30 computers to upgrade High School Finance Lab 202, replacing outdated equipment over five years old to support improved instruction and student learning.

Justification:

The purchase of 30 new computers for High School Finance Lab 202 is essential to ensure students have access to up-to-date technology that supports current financial software, curriculum standards, and real-world learning experiences. The existing equipment is over five years old, resulting in slow performance, frequent technical issues, and limited compatibility with modern applications. Upgrading the lab will enhance instructional effectiveness, increase student engagement, and better prepare students for college and career readiness in finance and business-related fields. This investment supports our commitment to maintaining high-quality learning environments that align with evolving educational and industry expectations.

Board Policy:

Pursuant to Board Policy 4:60, Supplies, materials, or work involving an expenditure in excess of \$25,000 must comply with the State law bidding procedure, 105 ILCS 5/10-20.21, unless specifically exempted.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

This recommendation supports Strategic Goal #1, Educational Equity, which states: East Aurora School District 131 will meet the diverse needs of all students *by ensuring a safe and inclusive learning environment*. Strategic Goal #2, Operational Excellence, states the following: *East Aurora School District 131 will align and utilize systems and resources that promote operational excellence, efficiency, and fiscal accountability*.

Supporting Data:

See the attached quotes from Dell Technologies and CDW.

Recommendation:

The Board of Education is recommended to approve the purchase of 30 new computers to replace outdated equipment in High School Finance Lab 202. The purchase, totaling \$29,700, will be made through CDW and funded by District resources.

Timeline for Decision

July 21, 2025