

# NAVARRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Subject:** **Chromebook Purchase for Planned Growth and Device Replacement**

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**Date:** March 23, 2026

**Administrator Responsible/Position:** Jason Rhame, Director of Technology

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**A. Purpose of Agenda Item:**

- Information Only                       Action Needed                       Receive Input

**B. Authority for This Action:**

- Local Policy                       Law or Rule                       N/A

**C. Priority, Goal, or Need Addressed:**

- Strategic Plan                       District/Campus Improvement Plan                       Other

**Priorities**

- Priority 1:** Recruiting, Hiring, Coaching, and Retaining High Quality Teachers and Staff to Support Student Outcomes.
- Priority 2:** Maximizing Academic Performance.
- Priority 3:** Maximizing Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Opportunities, Performance, and Engagement.
- Priority 4:** Planning, Preparing, and Maintaining Facilities and Environments for Learning.
- Priority 5:** Obtaining and Maintaining Top Rated District Recognition

**Board Goals for 2023-2028**

- Goal 1\*:** The percent of 3rd grade students that score meets grade level or above on STAAR Reading will increase from 49% to 60% by June 2024, 65% for 2024-2025, 70% for 2025-2026, 75% for 2026-2027, 80% for 2027-2028. **(HB3 Required Goal)**
- Goal 2\*:** Increased overall student performance in mathematics to 85% Meets Standard by 2028. The percent of 3rd grade students that score meets grade level or above on STAAR Math will increase from 53% to 65% by June 2024, 70% for 2024-2025, 75% for 2025-2026, 80% for 2026-2027, 85% for 2027-2028. **(HB3 Required Goal)**
- Goal 3\*:** The percentage of graduates that meet the criteria for CCMR will increase from 72% to 88% by August 2024 and increase to 95% by 2028. **(HB3 Required Goal)**

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**Summary:** **Navarro ISD is committed to maintaining a robust 1:1 device ratio to support our strategic goals for academic performance and student engagement. This agenda item seeks approval for the purchase of 900 Chromebooks to support two primary needs: replacing aging hardware and accommodating projected student growth for the 2026-2027 school**

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**While the district previously identified the HP Fortis Flip G1M as a preferred model, significant market fluctuations and recent tariffs have impacted unit pricing across the industry, with some models increasing by over \$100 per unit. All vendors who had responded to our previous request that was approved by the Board had included language stating that prices were subject to change based upon market and tariff changes. Consequently, the Technology Department solicited updated bids to ensure the most fiscally responsible use of district funds.**

**After a secondary evaluation of current inventory, pricing, and technical specifications, the district now recommends the Asus CZ11 through Delcom. This selection offers the best value-to-performance ratio and aligns with our existing hardware ecosystem, ensuring a seamless transition for both students and staff.**

**Background Information:**

To ensure the district receives high-quality equipment at competitive rates, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued through the BuyBoard and TIPS purchasing cooperatives. The district established the following minimum technical requirements to ensure longevity and performance:

**Memory/Storage:** 8 GB RAM (minimum) and 64 GB eMMC.

**Processor:** Quad-Core.

**Design:** 11.6" 2-in-1 convertible chassis with TouchScreen.

**Peripherals:** 3.5mm audio jack, 65W USB-C charger (preferred), and webcam with privacy shutter.

**Evaluation of Bids (900 Units)**

The following bids were received and evaluated based on price, hardware specifications, and support services:

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>Total cost for 900 units</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>DCW</b>	<b>Acer 511 Spin</b>	<b>\$335,178.00</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>DCW</b>	<b>Lenovo 300e G4</b>	<b>\$346,842.00</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Delcom</b>	<b>Asus CZ11</b>	<b>\$316,134.00</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Intech Southwest</b>	<b>HP Fortis Flip G1M</b>	<b>\$338,391.00</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Sparco</b>	<b>Lenovo 300e G4</b>	<b>\$349,776.00</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Virtucom</b>	<b>HP Fortis Flip G1M</b>	<b>\$444,600.00</b>

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**Recommendation Rationale:**

The **Asus CZ11** is the most cost-effective solution, coming in approximately \$22,000 lower than the next viable competitor. Beyond the initial cost savings, this recommendation is based on:

**Inventory Consistency:** NISD currently maintains a large inventory of Asus devices; choosing this model minimizes training friction for students and streamlines troubleshooting for staff.

**Protection:** The Delcom quote includes a standard 1-year Accidental Damage Protection (ADP) from Asus, providing an extra layer of financial security against hardware breakage.

**Performance:** The unit meets or exceeds all quad-core and memory requirements necessary for the district's instructional software.

Due to the current volatility of the technology market, vendors provide disclaimers that pricing is subject to change until an official purchase order is issued. Approval of this item will allow the district to lock in current rates and ensure delivery prior to the start of the 2026-2027 school year.

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**E. Comments Received:**

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Other

All agenda items are reviewed by the Superintendent's Leadership Team.

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**Administrative  
Recommendation:**

**I recommend the board approve the purchase of 900 Chromebooks within the current year budget with the ability to negotiate a fair and reasonable price.**

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**G. Fiscal Impact and Cost:**

Budget

Bond

**Amount:** \$316,134.00 as of 3/5/2026

Grant/Special  
Funds

Other

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**Exhibits: None**

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**I. Action:** "I move that the Board [approve/disapprove/postpone] the recommendation to purchase 900 Chromebooks and authorize the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee to

negotiate with the top-ranked vendor for a fair and reasonable price. If an agreement cannot be reached, the Superintendent or designee is authorized to negotiate with the next-ranked vendor(s) until a contract can be executed for a fair and reasonable price.”

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_

Second by: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR: J. Frederick, D. Gilliam, L. Gosch, D. Reinhard, M. Sartain, C. Scheib, B. Stephenson

AGAINST: J. Frederick, D. Gilliam, L. Gosch, D. Reinhard, M. Sartain, C. Scheib, B. Stephenson

ABSTAIN: J. Frederick, D. Gilliam, L. Gosch, D. Reinhard, M. Sartain, C. Scheib, B. Stephenson

MOTION CARRIED/DENIED/POSTPONED