

Memo

To: Superintendent Gina Butters, Weber School District Board of Education
From: Jennifer Boyer-Thurgood
CC: Robert Petersen, Dax Teuscher
Date: March 30, 2023
Re: Surplus Chromebook Request

A member of our community, Jennifer Nelson, has reached out requesting the opportunity to purchase 300 of our 14,000 Chromebooks that will be sold as surplus this summer. With the Boards approval, we would like to offer her the option to purchase the devices for the same cost as we would be getting if we sold them to a surplus vendor.

Below is an excerpt from her email:

"I understand that the district is replacing several of these (Chromebooks) and I'm wondering if I could purchase the older ones to donate to a school in Kenya.

The school in question has seen a large increase in students from 75 to 300 this year and these Chromebooks would be a welcome addition to their current, small lab. Like most schools in Kenya, this one is privately funded by donations from outside the country and serves a very poor part of the country. However, unlike others in the area, Gateway to Victory provides transportation to and from the school as well as two meals a day for all the kids. The students are picked up from their homes around 6:30 or 7 am. They are at the school until 3:30 or 4 and are fed 2 meals and 2 snacks, which is likely the only food they will get.

Teachers also work hard to educate the whole student and, honestly, make teaching here in the States seem easy by comparison. Not only are the teachers planning and instructing each day, but they also do home visits for each of their students every other month and submit reports on the conditions.

With such a great program with great need, I was hoping to purchase the replaced Chromebooks and take them to Kenya this summer. My husband and I are travelling with several others this summer to bring supplies and support to the students and staff. Bringing 300 Chromebooks would certainly be a welcome addition to the programs there.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jennifer Nelson"

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Jennifer Boyer-Thurgood
Interim Director of Technology

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