



Sharon Williams, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

To: RIMSD 41 Board of Education
From: Dr. Sharon Williams
Cabinet Champion: Troy Bevans, IT Director
Date: March 10th, 2026
Re: SHI Vendor Authorization Adjustment and Title I Chromebook Purchase

At the September 9, 2025 Board meeting, the Board approved an annual vendor authorization for SHI in an amount not to exceed \$425,000.00 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. This authorization was based on projected technology needs and anticipated pricing at the start of the fiscal year.

Since that time, Chromebook pricing has increased due to industry-wide supply constraints affecting memory (RAM) and storage components, as well as broader market pressures impacting device manufacturing. As a result, current unit pricing reflects significant cost increases beyond initial projections. In addition, cumulative purchases to date have reduced the remaining balance under the current authorization.

To support the District's 1:1 student device initiative for the upcoming school year, the Technology Department recommends the purchase of 1,500 Lenovo 100e Gen 5 Chromebooks (Lenovo Part #: 83T7S0A700) at \$336.51 each and Chrome OS Management Console Licenses (Google Part #: CROSSWDISEDUNEW) at \$32.00 each, for a total acquisition cost of \$552,765.00. Devices will be purchased from SHI, located at 290 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, NJ 08873, and funded through Title I.

To ensure compliance with Board purchasing limits and to accommodate total projected expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year, it is recommended that the Board adjust the annual vendor authorization for SHI from \$425,000.00 to an amount not to exceed \$675,000.00 for the July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 investment period. Purchases may be funded through district, grant, or federal sources as appropriate.

Investment Period: July 1, 2025 - June 30th, 2026
Total Investment: \$675,000.00
Funding Source: District, grant, or federal sources as appropriate