



TORNILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Trustees

From: Mr. Christopher Escarsega, Network & Cybersecurity Administrator

Subject: Consider Approval to Purchase Dell Laptops for Students

Date: May 28, 2025

RATIONALE:

As part of our strategic investment in expanding access to high-quality digital learning resources, we are proposing an initiative to increase the availability of student laptops in 3rd and 9th grade classrooms. This initiative supports the district's goal of providing equitable access to current technology tools that foster student engagement, creativity, and achievement across all academic areas.

Purpose of the Laptop Expansion Initiative

1. **Advance Digital Learning Access:** With the increasing integration of interactive digital tools in core instruction, this initiative ensures more students have access to individual devices that support their learning. The addition of new laptops will allow broader and more consistent use of modern instructional software and platforms.
2. **Support Curriculum Innovation:** As the district continues to implement more digitally integrated curricula, these new devices will enable students to access enhanced educational experiences, particularly in areas such as STEM, literacy, and personalized learning. The laptops are required to support current and future software that cannot run effectively on older or shared devices.
3. **Enhance Instructional Delivery:** By providing additional laptops that meet today's performance and security standards, teachers will be better equipped to deliver technology-enhanced instruction. This supports more efficient classroom workflows and improves student participation in digital assignments and assessments.

Budget Impact

A total of \$95,994.80 is proposed for the purchase of 110 student laptops to support the expansion of digital learning in targeted grade levels. The Tech Lending Laso Grant will be used to fund this initiative.

Account Numbers: 429-11-6395-14-999-11-1-00

Administrative Recommendation

The purchase of these laptops represents a strategic expansion of our digital learning infrastructure. This investment will allow the district to reach more students with up-to-date educational technology, support ongoing curriculum development, and provide teachers with tools that enhance instructional delivery. The inclusion of a five-year warranty reduces long-term maintenance costs and ensures sustainability. We respectfully request the Board's approval to proceed with this technology enhancement initiative.