

## Technology Purchase Recommendation.

After visiting with Apple reps I am recommending the following:

- Purchase the Laptops, top priority of the committee. I will have a quote for those on Wednesday and a potential lease agreement from Apple as well. Rough estimate for 120 laptops \$110,000
- Cad Software and Licensing: \$6,000
- Hold off on purchase of Smartboards until we can have a presentation from Apple on the advantages of IPADS vs. Smartboards. We would propose to have the meeting the third week of September.
- Purchase 30 desktops for lab replacement. Approx. \$27,000
- Amy will work on this at an estimated cost of approx \$200 per unit. \$3,000 - \$4,000.
- Purchase the 20 IPADS for use in each building and for use in staff development. Approx. \$10,000.

I expect a hard figure on all Apple products by Wednesday's meeting.

## Priorities For Technology Purchases: Recommended by the Technology Committee

1. **Staff Laptops:** A number of staff desktops are at end of life and need upgrades. Laptops provide more flexible use opportunities and staff will be able to use them at school or home. Staff training will also focus on utilizing laptops to enhance teaching and learning in this digital world. The desktops not at end of life will be reallocated to various labs and for other uses throughout the district. Staff will have an option to stay with a desktop if they prefer.
2. **CAD Software and Licensing:** Currently our hardware and CAD software are not compatible. This affects the delivery of the curriculum and the committee felt it was a priority to make sure teachers have what they need to engage students in the approved curriculum.
3. **Smartboards:** There is a disparity in the availability of Smartboards from building to building. The committee would like to make sure that all students and staff have an equal opportunity to experience these tools for learning across the district.
4. **Lab Replacement:** 30 desktop units will be purchased for lab replacement at the high school. A recycling plan of the current machines will be established. Again this is an issue of curriculum delivery and also of developing a coordinated replacement schedule throughout the district.
5. **High School Media Center:** A replacement schedule of computers will be started in the Jr/Sr Media Center. The plan is to purchase 15 computers on an annual basis over approximately a six or seven year cycle.
6. **IPADS:** The purchase of 20 IPADS for district wide use will be recommended. It is the hope of the committee that various grade levels and subject areas will find opportunities to experiment with IPADS and determine if more should be purchased going forward.