



## PUTNAM COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #535

### Recommendation for the Board of Education

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**Meeting:** January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Item:** Purchase of Chromebooks according to Technology Rotation

**Recommendation:** I recommend the Board of Education approve the purchase of 180 Dell Chromebook 3120 models for a total cost of \$70,705.80.

Mr. Rundle received notice from vendors that the cost of Chromebooks is going to escalate quickly in the next few months due to chip manufacturing. We routinely make the technology purchase in mid- to late Spring, so we expedited this part of the purchase to secure lower prices. We also changed the original plan of 125 devices to 180 devices because of the increased cost of battery prices, essentially phasing in an extra grade-level set of devices now rather than in later years. (Otherwise, we would be spending a few thousand dollars for new batteries on Chromebooks that will be phased out in one year.)

Mr. Rundle will be leading the procurement for the remaining items (i.e., iPads, staff laptops, Smart TVs, and mounts) in the next few months. We do not anticipate needing to purchase 60 iPads as originally approved in the technology rotation. With this reduction of iPads and increase in Chromebooks, he is anticipating the total cost of all technology will be around the originally budgeted amount of \$142,000.00.