

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

August 26, 2008

Computers4Kids Pilot Program

Board Goal:

- *I.b. Vision: remain committed to providing equitable and outstanding opportunities for every student on every campus*
- *III. e. Climate: motivate and prepare students to embrace their full responsibilities as active citizens of their community, nation, and world*
- *IV. a. Parent and Community Involvement: foster a positive and welcoming environment that encourages parent and community partnerships to achieve success for all our students*
- *VI. a. Growth and Change: review and adjust policies and procedures effectively to address the challenges of rapid growth and changing demographic characteristics while maintaining and enhancing our strong sense of community*

Purpose of Report:

The purpose of ***Computer4Kids Pilot Program*** is to create a unique outreach to our students, community and families. This joint venture of technology and career & technology education will place computers in the homes and hands of students and families beginning with Title 1 schools. Computer surplus of older computer that have been replaced in DISD will be reconditioned by students enrolled in the Advanced Technology Complex – Computer Technology Academy. The grade level targeted will be 5th grade level families. This grade level has been identified by the Denton Seamless Education Team as a critical outreach point.

Objectives:

- Two training dates will involvement parents and students joint participation
- Training (1) will include career counseling: The benefit of staying in school, taking challenge courses, high demand occupations, certification/licensure and advanced credit opportunities.
- The importance of the parent role in the educational process and student success.
- Training (2) will include technical applications: Use and care of the computers, connecting to the internet information and how to use free software, etc.

Operational Impact:

- The computers will transferred from technology based on district guidelines
- Repair and conditioning will occur as part of the learning process of computer technology courses located at the ATC.
- Any staffing expense for evening training events for parent outreach will be grant supported or donated by staff

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Results:

Expected outcomes will be increase in parental support and involvement in the educational process. Student motivation and access to technology in the homes of low-income families will be evident in improved: TAKS performance, dropout rate, attendance and graduation level

Other Options: Computer will be released for salvage.