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To: Dr. Roberts, Superintendent

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Subject: iPad/Netbook Proposal

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This proposal addresses both the shortage of netbooks at the middle schools and our initiative to investigate the usefulness of iPads.

As you know, the middle schools currently have only eight carts of 24 netbooks each. That is only one computer for every four students. Not only are there not enough carts for all students to have daily computer access, but there are not enough netbooks on each cart to meet the typical class size.

Four of our K-5 principals have agreed to “trade in” a cart of netbooks for a cart of new iPads. The netbooks they trade in would be divided between the two middle schools, giving them 48 additional netbooks each.

I am proposing we purchase the four carts of iPads with DSEB referendum vision dollars. The cost of the iPads (along with carts, cases and licenses) and would be \$74,840.

I would like to order the iPads as soon as possible, so we can configure them over spring break and deploy them with the rest of the new equipment on April 1st. This would give teachers an opportunity to evaluate their usefulness throughout the remainder of the school year.