



Memorandum

To: Michael Kapolka, Superintendent
From: Ryan Spencer, Director of Technology
Subject: Recommendation for iPad Purchase – 3rd Grade, 8th Grade, and PLECC Staff
Date: March 4, 2026

Dear Mr. Kapolka,

I am recommending the purchase of new iPads for South Meadows 3rd grade students, Beach Middle School 8th grade students, and Pierce Lake staff as part of our ongoing device refresh cycle.

Two years ago, we adjusted our iPad replacement schedule to better align with how students use and care for their devices. Rather than passing older iPads down between grade levels, 3rd and 8th grade students now receive new devices that they keep for five years. This approach has reduced wear and tear, improved reliability, and helped us better manage devices over their full life cycle. The refresh cycle at North Creek Elementary remains unchanged.

To support this purchase, I recommend ordering the following:

- 425 Apple 11th Gen iPads (or latest model) – \$137,700.00 (2019 Bond)
- 425 iPad cases – \$42,478.75 (2019 Bond)
- 425 USB-C to 3.5mm headphone jack adapters – \$3,825.00 (2019 Bond)
- 425 Jamf Mobile Device Management (MDM) licenses – \$10,625.00 (Tech Dept. budget)

The total cost of this purchase is \$194,628.75, with \$184,003.75 funded through the 2019 Bond and \$10,625 funded through the Technology Department budget.

The Logitech cases have been used district-wide for several years and have proven to be durable and reliable in our classrooms. iPad pricing is based on the REMC statewide contract, and accessories and MDM licenses will be purchased through Apple using education pricing. The Jamf MDM licenses are a one-time, perpetual purchase tied to each device and allow us to manage, secure, and support student iPads efficiently.

This purchase will ensure that students and staff continue to have reliable, well-supported devices that meet instructional needs across the district.

Thank you for your consideration,
Ryan Spencer