

**Cedar Hill Independent School District  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Meeting Date:**        September 10, 2012

**Presented by:**       Mr. Horace Williams, Superintendent of Schools

**Subject:**              Technology Lending Program Grant

**Information Item**

**BOARD GOAL:**

Achieve TEA Recognized rating on our journey to becoming world-class by 2012

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Cedar Hill ISD was awarded the Technology Lending Program Grant on August 31<sup>st</sup> in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the 2012-2013 school year.

The Technology Lending Program Grant was created by 82<sup>nd</sup> Texas Legislature in Senate Bill 6, Section 32.201. The grant program was created to award funds to school districts and open-enrollment charter schools to implement or enhance an existing technology lending program to loan students the equipment necessary to access and use electronic instructional materials. The goal of the program is to ensure that economically disadvantaged students have dedicated access to a personal technology device.

The Technology Lending Program Grant will allow CHISD to provide approximately 120 laptops with wireless access built in from a local cellular provider. This built in wireless access will allow internet connectivity 24/7 for the devices at no charge to the students. The laptops will be available to check out to qualified students in grades 7-9. The laptops will be deployed as follows: 30 laptops to each middle school and 60 to the Ninth grade center.

To qualify to receive a laptop as outlined in the grant (see attachment) the student must be part of the national school lunch program. All laptops will be checked out through the campus library and available for 2 weeks at a time upon check out. Anticipated start date is within 60 days.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

None required

**BOARD ACTION REQUIRED:**

None required.

**POLICY AUTHORIZATION:**

CDC (LOCAL)

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Dr. Homer Carter- Chief Academic Officer  
Kyle Berger, Executive Director of Technology

**FUNDING SOURCE:**

None

**ENCLOSURES:**

Copy of Grant submission