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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Trustees
From: Vicente Rodriguez, Executive Director of Technology
Subject: 2026 – 2027 Student Cohort Devices - Dell Marketing
Date: May 13, 2026

HISTORY:

Integrating educational technology for students enhances interaction between students and teachers, creating a more engaging learning environment. This exposure prepares students for real-world applications in careers, colleges, universities, and technical schools, equipping them with essential skills for a tech-driven world. Due to budget constraints and increasing costs, this year we have opted to fully provide devices at the secondary level and only provide a few devices for elementary schools to keep within current budget constraints. We are also re-evaluating the sustainability of the 1:1 technology initiative to align with the decreasing enrollment at our district.

RATIONALE:

The devices will support the 1:1 technology initiative for 9th-grade high school students and 7th-grade middle school students. Each student will be assigned a device to facilitate online learning. The initial plan was to purchase 85 Chromebooks for Alarcon, 125 Chromebooks for Sambrano, and 135 Chromebooks for Borrego. However, due to no additional funding being available for this initiative, we have prioritized the secondary devices. At the elementary level, the district will provide additional Chromebook devices at the campuses to include Alarcon, Sambrano, and Borrego, which will be available for student use during daily instruction on campus.

BUDGET IMPACT:

The total cost for 440 laptops for 7th grade and 9th grade cohorts with protective cases is \$456,381.20. (Prices are subject to change based on vendor pricing at the time of purchase).

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

The administrative recommendation is to approve the purchase of the laptops. These devices are needed to ensure adequate emerging technology hardware and software for students.

For Approval? Yes No

If no, please check one: Presentation Report Information

Please check if applicable: Attachment Included

The mission of the San Elizario Independent School District is to graduate students with innovative skills for 21st-century careers by focusing on academic and social skills, fostering transformative practices, and building community support through positive relationships between home and school.