



River Trails

SCHOOL DISTRICT 26

To: River Trails Board of Education
From: Alicia Duell - Director of Innovation and Technology
Date: April 14, 2026
Subject: Elementary Chromebook Charging Carts

Introduction

The administration recommends changing the K-5 Student 1:1 Device Program from a take-home model to a stay-at-school model. This purchase supports the district's plan to better align with its goals for strategic technology integration, student mental and physical wellbeing, and enhancing the longevity of student devices.

Recommendation

The administration recommends purchasing 34 Chromebook pre-wired, smart-charging carts from FORTE at a total cost of \$75,548.00.

Background

Prior to Covid, only students in 6th-8th grades took devices home. At the start of the Covid pandemic, like many districts, RTSD26 pivoted to a take-home device program for K-8th grade students.

Financial Impact

The quote recommended below is included in the FY27 Technology budget.

Vendor	Quantity	Per Unit Cost	Shipping	Total Cost
FORTE	34	\$2,187.00 Bretford CUBE Cart Slim Pro	\$1,190.00 (liftgate service)	\$75,548.00
CDW	34	\$2,220.00 Bretford CUBE Cart Slim Pro	\$224.95 (liftgate service)	\$75,704.95
Five Star Technology Solutions	34	\$2,575.00 Bretford CUBE Cart Slim Pro	N/A	\$87,550.00

Timeline and Next Steps

Upon approval at the May 5th Board of Education meeting, a purchase order will be issued to FORTE. The quote will be paid in July out of the FY27 budget.

Attachments

None