

# Executive Summary

## Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

### July 28, 2020

#### TEA: Operation Connectivity

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##### **Board Goal:**

**In pursuit of excellence, the district will:**

- Incorporate best practices into teaching, learning, technology and leadership
- Foster and support an advanced digital learning environment

##### **Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to provide the trustees with information about the Texas Education Agency technology funding opportunity called “Operation Connectivity.”

##### **Objectives**

To share three primary elements of the Operation Connectivity:

- The TEA will match the funds that LEAs put towards a bulk order of connectivity equipment and services to close its gap;
- Additional match funding is available from the TEA if LEAs can procure local CRF funding from the city or county; and,
- Funding may be subject to availability, demand, or a cap (to be determined).

##### **Operational Impact**

Denton ISD will be requesting matching funds for approximately 12,000 Chromebooks and 3,000 connectivity services (e.g. Hotspot, Jetpack).

##### **Results**

The connectivity devices and services will allow Denton ISD to provide 1:1 technology for students. This purchase will close the digital gap as on-line instruction becomes necessary during the COVID-19 period of concern.

##### **Other Options**

NA