



East Aurora Administration
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310 Seminary Ave
Aurora, IL 60505

Date: October 6, 2025

To: Dr. Robert Halverson, Superintendent of Schools
East Aurora School District 131 Board of Education

From: Paula Cardona, Executive Director of Information Systems/CIO

Subject: Staff Device Replacement – Close to 4-Year-Old laptops

Device Purchase:

Seeking approval to purchase 800 laptops to replace secondary and administrator devices that are nearly four years old, ensuring updated technology to support instruction and productivity better.

Justification:

The district is seeking approval to purchase 800 laptops to replace secondary and administrator devices that are approaching four years of use. At this stage, the current equipment exhibits signs of aging, including slower performance, reduced battery life, and increased maintenance requirements, which affect both productivity and instructional effectiveness.

Upgrading to new laptops will provide staff with reliable, up-to-date technology that aligns with current software and instructional tools. This investment will reduce downtime, enhance efficiency, and ensure that teachers and administrators have the necessary resources to support student learning and district operations effectively.

By refreshing the fleet on a consistent cycle, the district can maintain a stable, modern technology environment while minimizing unexpected repair costs and disruptions to classroom instruction.

Board Policy:

Pursuant to Board Policy 4:60, Supplies, materials, or work involving an expenditure in excess of \$25,000 must comply with the State law bidding procedure, 105 ILCS 5/10-20.21, unless specifically exempted.

Strategic Plan Alignment:



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This recommendation supports Strategic Goal #2, Operational Excellence, which states: *East Aurora School District 131 will align and utilize systems and resources that promote operational excellence, efficiency, and fiscal accountability.*

Supporting Data:

See the attached quotes from Dell Technologies and CDW.

Recommendation:

The Board of Education is recommended to approve the purchase of 800 laptops to replace secondary and administrator devices. The purchase, totaling \$625,928.00, will be made through Dell and funded by District resources.

Timeline for Decision

October 20, 2025