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**TO:** School Board

**FROM:** Jason Stegeman, Director of Finance, and Dave Sandum, Director of Technology

**DATE:** December 9, 2024

**RE:** Approve Apple Computer Lease Schedule No. 11

**BACKGROUND:**

Administration is looking to secure a lease with Apple as part of our equipment refresh strategy for student and staff devices. This refresh follows the technology replacement cycle as defined in our 2014 Technology Plan. The strategy is to secure technology devices using a leasing model that allows us to follow a predictable financial model for funding district devices. Our plan was to secure four-year leases for iPads and five-year leases for MacBooks. In addition, our plan was to return the devices one year prior to the end of the lease. The rationale for doing so is that the return value of the devices covers the cost of the first year of the new lease. This allows us to have updated iPads every three years and updated MacBooks every four years.

The lease we are looking to secure for the 2025-2026 school year is for 2300 iPads to replace devices that are at retirement age. The cost for this lease is funded by the Capital Projects Levy and the total yearly lease costs are still within the planned amounts.

The district is seeking approval of schedule No. 11 (see attached schedule) which finances the new MacBooks over another four-year term. It is an addendum to the original master lease purchase agreement which is also attached.

Overall, budget resources are allocated to help the district make progress towards achieving the beliefs and goals stated in the Strategic Framework, which in turn, drives the work of district staff and administrators. Within the Strategic Framework, we are committed to equitable practices by being accountable for removing barriers and creating equitable systems. Providing technology devices to all students helps reduce the digital divide between families that can provide devices for students and those that cannot. Doing so removes barriers and provides equitable access to technology for all students.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

***BE IT RESOLVED*** by the School Board of Independent School District No. 197 to approve the Apple Computer Lease Schedule No. 11, as presented.