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TO: Board of Education Mr. Langton
FROM: Greg Martin, Director of Technology
DATE: April 14, 2025 RE: Document Camera Purchase Recommendation

BACKGROUND

Every classroom and large group instruction area in the school district has a document camera to display visual aids connected with the interactive display panels. There are currently 67 document cameras in use in the school district which are all 4 years old. All of them are manufactured by Elmo.

SUMMARY.

Similar to all technology, these document cameras have an expected life for usability and proper function. To maintain the technology in excellent working condition and take advantage of advances in technology, the document cameras need to be replaced.

While at the ISTE (International Society for Technology in Education) conference last summer, we looked at many options to use as a replacement. HoverCam is the only brand offering both a wired and wireless option with a rechargeable battery, giving greater flexibility for the teachers. We purchased four of these document cameras to be used in the 5th-grade classrooms this year, and the teachers have provided positive feedback.

Camcor has worked with HoverCam to give them the preferred vendor status and ensure the most competitive pricing.

If approved, the purchase of the document cameras will be deployed at the start of next school year.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

The Administration recommends that the Board approve the purchase of 71 HoverCam document cameras, for \$35,145 from Camcor.