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Memorandum Item 10c

TO: CCSD School Board Members
FROM: Jackie Hanson, Superintendent
DATE: April 24, 2025
SUBJECT: CCSD Technology Refresh Proposals

Enclosed with this memorandum are five (5) CCSD Technology Refresh Proposals. Three (3) for Windows and two (2) for Apple, our current platform across all our schools.

While some Windows options may appear cost-effective upfront, Apple offers 0% financing, which Windows does not. This eliminates interest costs and makes Apple's long-term value more favorable. Additionally, Apple devices retain higher resale value. We're still receiving \$300 for 5-year-old MacBook Airs, and even \$50 for 8-year-old models. In contrast, vendors like SHI have shared that 4-to 5-year-old Windows devices generally hold little to no residual value, with limited leasing options beyond three (3) years.

Switching to Windows would also come with significant hidden costs and logistical challenges:

- AppleTVs used in classrooms would not work wirelessly with Windows devices, requiring HDMI workarounds or complete replacement with new solutions.
- All printer, application, and content filtering configurations would need to be rebuilt from the ground up.
- User directories would need to be recreated or require complex integration with Google systems.
- Security settings and restrictions, currently well-managed in our Apple environment, would need to be fully reconfigured to protect student access and privacy.
- Staff and students would require extensive training, as most are unfamiliar with the Windows operating system.
- Our Tech Team would need specialized training to support and manage the Windows environment effectively.

With that said, in order to preserve user familiarity, avoid unnecessary transition costs, and take advantage of interest-free financing, I recommend approving one of the Apple proposals.

Suggested Motion(s):

- **Apple Option:** Move to approve Apple Technology Refresh Proposal (1 or 2), including the 0% financing option, to maintain system consistency and avoid unnecessary training costs.
- **Windows Option:** Move to approve Window Technology Refresh Proposal (3, 4, or 5), with the understanding that the switch will disrupt current system use and require additional costs to account for significant training and support adjustments.