



Board of Education

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Matthew Ryan
DATE: February 6, 2025
RE: iPad & Certified Staff Laptop Fleet Replacement

This memo is:

- Information only.
- Information with a recommendation, and a request for Board consent.
- Information with a recommendation, and a request for Board approval by vote.

Date by which a Board decision is needed: February 20, 2025

Previous memos on this topic can be found:

- in previous Board packet(s) dated. _____
- or attached to this memo

<p>Basic information:</p> <p>Following the Technology Lifecycle Replacement schedule, we are looking to replace all current student and staff iPads and all current certified staff laptops, Dell 5440's with MacBook Air models for the 25-26 school year.</p>
<p>Background or historical information:</p> <p>Our current fleet of 8th-generation iPads had their lifecycle extended by one year. We need to replace the fleet due to low storage size and not being able to hold the curricular apps we use on a daily basis. The replacement devices while being two generations newer are also double the storage size to accommodate all of our deployed apps. We have two buyback offers to defer some of the capital outlay on the new equipment.</p> <p>We made a switch to Apple devices for administrators in the 24-25 school year and the transition has been very well received. The current fleet of Dell 5440 laptops were purchased at the beginning of the 23-24 school year. The 5440s would be transitioned to replace the current paraprofessional devices which are experiencing high rates of failure. We sent out a survey to certified staff and the responses were with the proper professional development, the majority of staff is excited about the change.</p> <p>Due to the scale of the purchase, we are recommending leasing as Apple has a 0% lease offer.</p> <p>Switching to Apple devices is a bold move, but the devices themselves have better reliability, phenomenal battery life, better portability, and durability at a lower cost than we paid for our current Dell fleet.</p>
<p>Previous decisions, actions or parameters that relate to this topic or issue: (Options) 3 options</p>
<p>Recommendations: (Recommendations) and (Evaluate)</p> <p>Replace student and staff iPads and all certified staff laptops with MacBook Air 13in.</p>
<p>Other questions? What else does the Board wish to know?:</p>