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Mission: Strengthen *Mastery*, *Collaboration*, *High Expectations*, and *Success for All Students*.

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To: Board of Education
Dr. Robert Schiffbauer

RE: CTE Computer Lab Desktops

Attached is the proposal for 110 Lenovo ThinkCentre desktops to replace the aging laptops currently used in our Career and Technical Education (CTE) computer labs in Rooms 141 & 323 at the South Campus and Rooms 155 & 198 at the Central Campus. The transition to desktops will provide students with more powerful, reliable, and efficient workstations tailored to the demands of modern software applications. Unlike laptops, desktops offer superior processing power, and easier maintenance, ensuring smoother performance for resource-intensive programs such as graphic design and engineering applications. Additionally, fixed workstations will reduce disruptions caused by battery issues and portability-related damages, ultimately increasing instructional time and productivity.

Investing in these desktops aligns with our district's commitment to providing students with high-quality tools to support their career readiness. Lenovo ThinkCentre models are known for their durability, and long-term reliability, making them a cost-effective choice for the district. By upgrading our labs, we ensure that students gain hands-on experience with industry-standard technology, better preparing them for post-secondary education and workforce opportunities. We respectfully request the Board's approval for this investment to enhance student learning and maintain the competitiveness of our CTE programs.

110 - Lenovo ThinkCenter M700 Gen 5

- o Intel Core i5 14400T Processor
- o 32 GB RAM
- o 512 GB SSD
- o 3-Year Trafera Warranty in addition to a 3-year manufacturer warranty

Total Project Cost of \$xxx with leasing from American Capital at \$xxx per year over 3 years. Shipment and payment will not be until July of 2025 to coincide with our next fiscal year.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Board of Education, the following would be an appropriate motion. "Motion to approve the purchase of Lenovo Desktop computers in the total amount of \$102,190 with financing from American Capital for \$27,671.41 per year over four years."