Approval of Computer Surplus and Creation of Computers4Kids
August 26, 2008

SUMMARY:
- This item requests approval of surplus computers and parts as being replaced from the 2007 Bond. The surplus computers will be funneled to the ATC for a program called Computers4Kids.

BOARD GOALS:
I (a) Vision – remain committed to providing equitable and outstanding opportunities for every student on every campus
VI (a) Growth & Change - review and adjust policies and procedures effectively to address the challenges of rapid growth and changing demographic characteristics while maintaining and enhancing our strong sense of community

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:
- none
BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
- The District has researched similar programs in Carrolton Farmers Branch ISD and Plano ISD where outdated instructional computers are no longer able to run District software programs and put into the hands of students. We have surplus computers from the 2007 Bond and meet the three year or older threshold of the replacement criteria. This program also is a subset of the very rewarding DellTechKnow program that has been very successful for our middle school students.
SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:
-2008 Texas School Law Bulletin states in Title 2 of the Public Education Code Chapter 32 Subchapter C 32.101states base rules for the transfer of district owned computers to specific students not owning a computer and are "educationally disadvantaged".
FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:
- District personnel will meet with parents and students for training. ATC computer students will refurbish and distribute computers as part of the ATC computer classes.
BENEFIT OF ACTION:
- Passage will allow the students of DISD to be able to receive a free outdated district computer. The ATC will be directly involved with the students and be able to introduce the many programs offered at the center. This program could also connect with the potentially "at risk" students earlier.
PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:
- As district computers are retired from year to year and future bond replacements are funded, we will surplus and transfer to ATC. Any transfer of computers will follow this same format for board approval.
PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:
- None
ALTERNATIVES:
- No alternative actions are proposed …
OTHER COMMENTS:
- None
SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:
The Superintendent recommends approval of the contract.
STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:
- Ernie Stripling, TIO
- Debbie Monschke, Executive Director of Budget and Finance
- Holly Davis, Director of Instructional Technology
- Marty Thompson, Dean of ATC
- Judy Bush, Technology Services Manager
ATTACHMENT:
- Surplus Equipment with serial numbers by campus
- Computer4Kids Introduction and Application
- Letter sent to Parents from school campus
- Computer4Kids Evaluation Form

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____