Livonia Public Schools

Business Services Office

Date: July 11, 2012

To: Randy Liepa, PhD., Superintendent

From: Lisa Abbey, Director of Business Services

Re: Computer Purchase for the Career Center

Steve Archibald, Director of Secondary Programs has sent us a recommendation to purchase computers for the Career Center. We would like to include this item on the Finance Committee meeting agenda for Monday, July 16, 2012. Thank you.

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Attachments

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Secondary Programs

Memorandum

To:

Randy Liepa, Superintendent

From:

Steven Archibald Director

Date:

July 11, 2012

Subject:

Computer Purchase for LCTC

I am recommending the purchase of 26 iMac computers for the Digital Imaging program at the LCTC. The cost for the computers will be designated from the CTE-Added-cost funds for 2012-13. I have verified with Ms. Abbey that there are sufficient funds for this purchase in the designated account.

The Apple Store is a sole source provider. We have a current price of \$1,399 per computer for a total of \$36,374. We are in the process of verifying that this is the best possible price.

Please place this item to the Finance Committee agenda for Monday, July 16, 2012.

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c: L. Abbey

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Livonia Career/Technical Center

Office of the Principal

TO:

Steve Archibald, Director of Secondary Education

FROM:

Janet Haas, Ed.D., Principal

DATE:

Purchase of MAC Computers

SUBJECT:

June 15, 2012

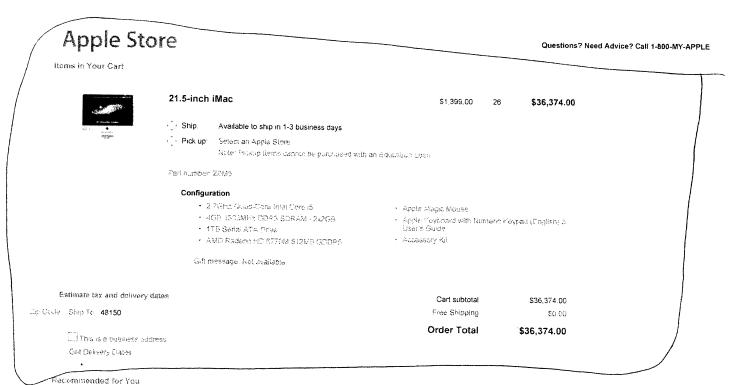
LCTC is requesting the purchase of 26 iMAC computers to be placed in the Digital Imaging program. These computers will replace the current MAC computers that were originally purchased and installed in 2005. Mac computers have been the industry standard for the creative arts and graphic imaging career pathways.

I have attached documentation from Mrs. Ormsby's Advisory Board. I have also marked the specific comments made by her Advisory Board in support of MAC purchases for this program.

Our 2005 MAC computers would be redistributed throughout our building when the new MACs would be placed in Mrs. Ormsby's classroom.

The funding for the computers will be designated from the CTE-Added-cost funds for 2012-2013. We are requesting the use of budget code: 11-127-6410-295-000-5160 New Equipment.

The purchase of these computers would need to be placed on the Board agenda for approval.



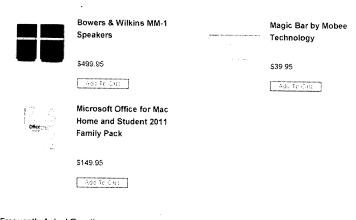


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The MAC or PC is an ongoing conundrum.

In Consumers Report magazine reviews you will note that the MAC's lead in service and reliability. We have a six year old MAC in the office area that is on 24 / 7 and has worked flawlessly.

The MAC operating system is simple, initiative and incredibly stable. The MAC OS interface simply involves fewer things that must be learned and relearned. MAC is the only company that designs its own software and hardware. This aids in creating optimal compatibility between hardware and software.

The Apple I Life suite that includes ridiculously easy to use iPhoto, iMovie, Garage band, iWeb and iDVD allows users to beginning making videos, web pages, music and slide presentations within minutes. The skills developed using I Life establish excellent launch into the use of more sophisticated software like the Adobe Creative Suite.

Apple includes built in voice over screen for visually impaired users.

Apple products work in perfect concert with one another from iMac, to iPhone, iPad, and Mac Book. The increasing use of smart tablets for textbooks, productivity and content delivery means a student could seamless link content between school tools and personal digital tools.

Apple products are more secure and do not get PC viruses.

If want it is very easy to install Windows or MAC software on a MAC. However you cannot install MAC software on a Windows machine.

Apple offers free tec advise and insight at Apple retail stores and hands on assistance at the Genius Bar. With an Apple store close by you can quickly and easily acquire assistance with a problem.

Hands down Apple is the tool of choice for the creative professions.

You pay more up front for a MAC but the pay back is durability, initiative learning, excellent service, stable OS, security, dependability and ease of use.

I hope this helps, Doug