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TO: Board of Education  
Mr. Langton  
FROM: Greg Martin, Director of Technology  
DATE: April 14, 2025  
RE: Interactive Display Purchase Recommendation

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## **BACKGROUND**

The school district's classrooms, instructional spaces, conferences rooms, and other professional spaces have included interactive displays that compliment instruction and contribute to workflow productivity. There are currently 63 interactive displays in the school district which range in age from 5 to 8 years old. All of them are manufactured by BenQ.

## **SUMMARY.**

Our professional staff and students have effectively utilized this technology to present, edit, display, and digitally interact within the classroom and professional settings. To maintain the effective use of this technology, it is important to replace all 63 interactive panels. In addition to the current panels, we are looking to add 23 interactive panels for the new Evergreen addition, meeting spaces at both schools and the Ad Center, and other small-group instructional spaces.

The current panels are beginning to fail and have software issues resulting from reduced support. It is beneficial to replace all units with identical units for the purpose of uniform training, support, and a consistent teaching and learning environment for our staff, substitute teachers, and students.

We conducted a review of four different manufacturers' interactive panels, including Smart, BenQ, Promethean, and Clear Touch. We established a pilot group of teachers to utilize the four different interactive panels to compare features and assess the user-friendliness of the software used by each manufacturer. The overwhelming preference was to remain with the BenQ interactive panel for all applications, classrooms, meeting rooms, and other small instructional spaces/offices.

If approved, the purchase of the BenQ panels includes a five year warranty. The installation will be completed during the summer of 2025 and professional development will be provided to all teachers at the start of and throughout the school year.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

The Administration recommends that the Board approve the purchase of 86 interactive panels, for \$209,220 from BenQ