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To: Donna Oberg
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Re: E-START 1:1 Pilot

Please submit this purchase information to the BOE for the June 25, 2012 meeting.

A component of the Technology Capital Outlay Plan previously presented to and supported by the Board of Education was the replacement of student computers. In specific high use areas, the older computers have already been replaced and reallocated. Additional desktop computers will continue to be replaced when circumstances warrant it, however, the district technology team will also be using a portion of the technology capital funds allocated by the BOE to implement a 1 to 1 pilot program in which classroom sets of portable computers, tablets, and iPads will be purchased for selected teachers to use with their students. The program is titled **E-START: Empowering Students and Teachers Applying Real-world Technology**

The goal of pilot is to gather authentic feedback from classroom teachers that will purposely structure their instructional methods to incorporate an increased level of digital tools and work to maximize the potential benefits of portable technology used regularly by their students. Collaboration and input from the pilot teachers will assist in making quality decisions for future district initiatives.

Thirteen teachers representing all building levels have been selected to participate in the E-START pilot program. Of the portable computing devices made available to the pilot teachers, two participants selected iPad2s, three selected HP Mini Netbooks, and eight selected a low-cost tablet PC manufactured by ByteSpeed.

The following items are submitted for your approval:

Equipment	Qty	Total Amount
iPAD2 purchased from Apple Education	40	\$18,320
HP Compaq HP 3115 purchased through HBS, HP IL state contract	95	\$51,775
ByteSpeed Classmate NL3 purchased from ByteSpeed Computers, LLC	200	\$121,392
Total		\$191,487

Please know that the quantities are based on current estimates for class rosters for the teachers involved in the E-START pilot. Actual quantities purchased may vary slightly.