

FOR DISCUSSION

Lisle Community Unit School District 202 Finance Committee Meeting February 23, 2026

SUBJECT: Student and Staff Device Purchase Authorization

RECOMMENDATION: Administration seeks Finance Committee authorization to purchase student and staff devices totaling \$345,740 in advance of anticipated market price increases and extended lead times, for deployment in the 2026–2027 school year.

BACKGROUND: Each year, the Technology Department evaluates requests based on instructional needs, current technology trends, and support for devices throughout the district. Historically, this request occurs in March, but due to current trends, the administration feels it is important to seek authorization for the specific purchases detailed below in advance of the remaining Technology Department requests next month.

The current trends initiating this request are as follows:

- Global chipmakers have shifted production to AI data center components, causing a shortage of processors, RAM, and storage used in education devices.
- Prices have already risen 10%+ since December, and an additional increase is anticipated in early Spring 2026.
- Current lead times are 6+ weeks. Ordering now guarantees devices are received and prepared for a summer deployment.

In addition to an earlier authorization request, we are leveraging two key strategies to control costs:

- Transitioning many high school staff from Windows laptops to Chromebook Plus devices provides equivalent instructional functionality, enhanced security, and lower acquisition costs.
- Targeting the device refresh purchases where needed, but we will defer the 1st Grade Chromebook refresh for another year.

The tables on the following page outline the total project cost.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The total requests included at this time amount to \$345,740, which will fit within the budget request for the Technology Department for the FY27 Budget.

High School Refresh via DHE			
Item	Qty	Per Unit Cost	Total Cost
Chromebook Plus 2-in-1 w/ 3Y Warranty and Pen	52	\$993	\$51,667
Chromebook License	52	\$32	\$1,664
Windows 2-in-1 Laptop w/ 3Y Warranty	22	\$1,933	\$42,519
Tech Lab Desktop w/ 5Y Warranty	25	\$2,948	\$73,700
		TOTAL	\$169,550

Chromebook Refresh via Vivacity			
Item	Qty	Per Unit Cost	Total Cost
Chromebook	410	\$377	\$154,570
Chromebook Case	425	\$20	\$8,500
Chromebook License	410	\$32	\$13,120
		TOTAL	\$176,190

Total by Project	
School	Total Cost
High School Refresh via DHE	\$169,550
Chromebook Refresh via Vivacity	\$176,190
TOTAL	\$345,740