



## Executive Summary Finance Committee Meeting

DATE: May 15, 2018  
TOPIC: Fourth Grade 1:1 iPads Program  
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### Recommended Action:

Action:   X  

Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_

Information: \_\_\_\_\_

### Purpose:

The Board of Education approves all technology hardware acquisition.

### Background:

The District has maintained a program of 1:1 technology hardware for the past eight years. This year, fifth grade students had access to this level of technology hardware for the first time. The Administration requests to expand the program to fourth grade allowing this grade level to:

1. Create opportunities for students to have on-demand access to the tools of the Internet for real-time exploration of content, engaging with skill development or reinforcement platforms, and interacting with multiple, collaborative tools to develop evidence of concept mastery.
2. Introduce essential digital skills such as effective search engine techniques, determining validity of information, and responsible, safe online etiquette. By exploring these ideas at an earlier age, the District can expect students to possess a level of familiarity with these basic ideas allowing them to use digital tools at a deeper level in later years of their education.
3. Provide students with more personalized resources to differentiate the curriculum.

At the fourth grade level, the Administration is recommending a phased-in approach relative to students taking the devices home. For example, the phased-in approach might look something like this. At the beginning of the year, students would only have access to the technology in school. After the first trimester, students would be permitted to use the devices at home Monday-Friday. In the final trimester, devices would be taken home everyday.

### Fiscal Impact:

The Administration is requesting 130 iPad devices, 130 STM Dux cases, and 130 carrying bags at a cost not to exceed \$56,500.

### Recommendation:

The Administration recommends that the Finance Committee support the recommendation to purchase 130 iPad devices, 130 STM Dux cases, and 130 carrying bags at a cost not to exceed \$56,500 to provide 1:1 iPad devices for fourth grade.