ATTACHMENT X-D: Technology Plan

Suggested Motion: Informational

Recommended Action: None

In an effort to support the curriculum and all that is needed within the district, technology decisions have been based on multiple forms of gathered information. Every two to three weeks, we hold administrative meetings, where technology is a fixed agenda item. Conversations are also held regarding hardware and software needs across the entire district for cohesiveness. Technology meetings are held right after each administrative meeting, so that communication and decisions are consistent and timely. Those meetings include discussions that focus on data, hardware, software and the network. There are multiple other times where input, discussion and planning are provided for technology. This comes through staff meetings, curriculum committee meetings (ex. science and math), as well as surveys to staff for input on hardware and software needs. Every spring our staff is surveyed to get feedback regarding the technology in their classrooms, usage, and the learning software they currently have in place. The new science and math curriculums have components that support individual learning and support for students. RtI also relies on programming for students that need support with learning.

Here is a summary of what was purchased over the past few years along with the rationale:

- 2015-16 – 7th grade laptops to replace the old tablets that no longer worked at the middle school. Old tablets that worked were used at 8th grade.

- 2016-17 – Another grade level of laptops was purchased for the middle school to replace the old tablets. The new laptops came to 7th grade while the previous laptops rolled up with the students to 8th grade.

- 2017-18 – Chrome book carts were added to the UE to support the addition of the social studies teachers being added back to 5th and 6th grade. A class set of Chrome books was also added to each elementary school to help provide more devices for use in the class and to not solely rely on the labs. Labs could be dominated with testing schedules for MAPs and PARCC. As requested through administrative and teacher feedback, the high school also received two carts of Chrome books through rollover Title I money.

- 2018-19 – Two more classroom sets of Chrome books for the UE, one classroom set of touch screen Chrome books for each K-4 building which caters to the primary students. 50 new laptops and 60 desk tops to refresh old staff computers and old desk top units in key places around the district.