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Well said, Mr. Campbell.

From: Campbell, Melvin P
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 10:06 AM
To: Robine, Cathy G <Cathy.Robine@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Orischak, Josephine A <Josephine.Orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Berg, Herbert M <Herbert.Berg@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; BOE <BOE@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
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To: Campbell, Melvin P
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Mel,

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There are people protesting the degree of authority that the Committee has. It has no authority at all. They will make a recommendation to the Superintendent and he may or may not include their recommendations in his Referendum Proposal to us.

I believe that is the proper protocol for the Superintendent to follow. Let's let him follow itand not second guess based on someone's disappointment that they are not on the Committee.

Respectfully,
JOHN DOWLING
DISTRICT 6 REPRESENTATIVE
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To: Gwozdz, Christina S; Robine, Cathy G; Smith, William C
Cc: BOEOnly; Berg, Herbert M; Crosby, Tonya V; Almond, Bonnie N; Chauhan, Mark H; Robinson, Christine T
Subject: Fwd: Technology Plan Outcomes (Second Attempt)

Officers/All,

Please find the exchange below.

When will the Board receive an update on the BCSD 2016-2019 Technology Plan Outcomes?

Please advise.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Orischak, Josephine A" <Josephine.Orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us
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Date: October 5, 2018 at 12:33:39 PM EDT
To: "Crosby, Tonya V" <Tonya.Crosby@beaufort.k12.sc.us
<mailto:Tonya.Crosby@beaufort.k12.sc.us> >
Cc: "Almond, Bonnie N" <Bonnie.Almond@beaufort.k12.sc.us
<mailto:Bonnie.Almond@beaufort.k12.sc.us> >, "Chauhan, Mark H"
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On Oct 5, 2018, at 12:30 PM, Crosby, Tonya V <Tonya.Crosby@beaufort.k12.sc.us
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MEMO

To: JoAnn Orischak

Cc: BOE Only, Dr. Berg, Bonnie Almond, Mark Chauhan and Chrissy Robinson

RE: Technology Plan Outcomes

Good Afternoon JoAnn,

In response to your 9/18/18 request regarding outcomes of the 2016-2019 Technology Plan, Bonnie Almond, Chrissy Robinson, Mark Chauhan and I met yesterday to discuss. We gathered from this meeting that outcomes for the Technology Plan have not been

formally compiled or reported to the Board in the first two years of this plan. We have already begun to work on compiling data, and will report outcomes to the Board, via PE 1.4 "Foster Technology Use," at the January 25th/26th Board work session as required of the Strategic Governance 2018-19 Work Plan.

Sincerely,

Tonya

Tonya Crosby

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