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NASHUA
SCHOOL DISTRICT
Gateway to Opportunity

How Does IT Support The District?

- **Sustaining a 1:1 Learning Environment**
  - Supporting nearly 10,000 students and 1,000 staff with dedicated Chromebooks for each student to ensure equitable access to digital learning tools while planning replenishment and lifecycle management.
- **Robust Infrastructure**
  - Maintaining and upgrading critical network components, including recently enhanced fiber connections, core switches, and access points, to support high-speed, reliable connectivity for all schools.
- **Enhancing Digital Safety & Security**
  - Investing in cybersecurity measures, content filtering, and device management solutions to create a safe, secure, and compliant digital learning environment for students and staff.
- **Strategic Planning & Collaboration**
  - Working closely with district leadership to identify trends, forecast technology needs, and align IT investments with district initiatives that enhance teaching and learning.
- **Maximizing Funding & Cost Efficiency**
  - Leveraging E-Rate reimbursements, bulk purchasing, grants, and other alternative funding sources to optimize technology investments and ensure long-term sustainability.

Technology Providing Equity and Opportunity

- Internet Service
- Firewall
- Switches
- Systems and Services
- Disaster Recovery
- Hard-Wired
- Wireless

- Teaching and Learning
- Productivity

- Protecting students, staff, and assets through technical and physical means
- Data Privacy
- Emergency Notifications

- Devices in Students' Hands
- Laptops for Staff
- Cloud Phone Service
- Bridging Digital Divide
- Assessing Student Progress

Transforming Learning with Interactive Technology

Education is evolving, and students learn best when engaged. Interactive panels bring lessons to life, making learning more dynamic, accessible, and collaborative.

- **The Impact:**
  - Engagement and participation for students interact directly with content, fostering deeper understanding and curiosity.
  - Equity in learning where every classroom becomes a space for active, hands-on learning, benefiting all students.
  - Empowering and enabling teachers for dynamic instruction, real-time collaboration, and adaptive teaching strategies.
  - Prepares students with foundational digital skills essential for their academic, social, and career journeys.
- **The Bigger Picture:**
  - This isn't just technology—it's about creating spaces where every student is engaged, inspired, and ready to succeed.
  - It is about empowering teachers with technology as a tool to engage and enlighten.

Teaching and Learning

- The Ideal Classroom
  - **Interactive panels throughout the District**
    - Full implementation in core classrooms in all elementary schools
    - Fairgrounds Middle School and Pennichuck Middle School – **Projectors in All Classrooms**
    - High schools have a mix of table-top, wall-mounted, and ceiling-mounted projectors
  - **1:1 Chromebooks for all students in all grade levels**
    - Secondary students bring home Chromebooks
    - Elementary classrooms to have a Chromebook cart to charge and safely store 20-25 Chromebooks
      - Increases student engagement and motivation according to a 2023 study by the *International Journal of Technology in Education and Sciences*
  - **Teacher laptop to promote flexible, mobile instruction**
  - **Wireless access point in each classroom for a seamless, wireless use**

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What is E-Rate and What is the Return on Investment?

- **What is E-Rate?**
  - A federal program managed by the FCC that provides discounts on internet access, network infrastructure, and related services to schools and libraries, ensuring equitable access to technology.
- **How Much Do We Get?**
  - Our district qualifies for a 60% discount, meaning if we apply for $100,000 in eligible services, we only pay $40,000, with the remaining $60,000 covered by E-Rate funds.
- **What Does It Cover?**
  - E-Rate funds Category 1 services (internet access, fiber connections) and Category 2 services (Wi-Fi, internal network upgrades, cybersecurity measures like firewalls). It does not cover computers, teacher devices, phones, or software.
- **Why Is It Important?**
  - With increasing digital learning needs, E-Rate funding helps maintain high-speed internet, improve security, and expand student access without overburdening the local budget.
- **What's Next?**
  - We apply annually through qualifying free and reduced lunch students (60%), ensuring compliance with federal guidelines. Maximizing E-Rate funding requires strategic planning to prioritize infrastructure upgrades while meeting program requirements. 30-day open bidding process through an RFP to meet the qualifying bid criteria, with 60% of the project cost being reimbursed.

What are the Funding Priorities for this Year?

- **Upgrade Current Networking Infrastructure**
  - **District-core switch to be replaced at South High School to support the district**
  - **Core switch purchase for four elementary schools**
- **Chromebook Purchases to Support 1:1 for Secondary**
  - **Purchase 1,400 to phase out aging Chromebooks**
    - **$360,620 Annually**
- **Laptop refreshment cycle to replace 2020/2021 laptops**
  - **For new staff and refresh lifecycle**
    - **$250,000 Annually**
- **Computer Software**
  - Productivity, safety, and security
  - Core Switches and Next Generation Firewall
- **Interactive Panels**
- **Computer Equipment and Supplies**
  - Break/fix parts

Technology Budget for the District

- Contract Services
  - 91.1.992225-53628

HP Support Contracts	$16,500.00
Cisco Support and Licensing Contracts* **(Erate @ 60% discount)**	$10,000.00
Cisco Phone Licenses (Year 3 of 5: Phone Project)	$49,000.00
Cisco Voice Support	$10,000.00
E-Rate Services	$5,500.00
External Computer Repair	$2,000.00
Fiber Repairs	$25,000.00
Wiring (Access Points, Phones, Misc.) (Originally $9K)	$15,000.00
Aspen Service Requests	$45,000.00
AV Sevices	$10,000.00
Pen Test	$17,000.00
Core Switch Upgrades at NHS, DO, and Four Elem* **(Erate @ 60% discount)**	$253,000.00
Total	**$458,255.00**

- Computer Supplies
  - 91.1.992225-61607

Adapters/Cables (HDMI, Ethernet, Adapters, etc.)	$10,000.00
Amplifiers, Flash Drives, Monitor Stands, and Tools	$3,300.00
Phones/ATAs	$3,000.00
Monitors	$3,000.00
Network Parts: Synology Drives/APC Batteries/	$15,000.00
Chromebook Parts: Screens/Keyboards, Cables & Trackpads	$10,000.00
Laptop Parts: Batteries, Screens, Keyboards	$4,700.00
Mice/Keybaords	$1,000.00
Total	**$50,000.00**

- Computer Equipment
  - 91.1.992225-71221

Chromebooks for Secondary (~1,400)	$360,620.00
Laptops (~300)	$250,000.00
Desktops (~23)	$15,000.00
Clear Touch (~55) - Elementary	$200,00.00
Total	**$825,620.00**

Software

- Educational and Business-Related Software
  - 91.1.992225-71228

Account Management Software (Automation) per Steve's request	$6,200.00
Account Tree Software for Student Activity Funds	$5,900.00
Admin Licenses for Microsoft 365	$200.00
Adobe Licenses	$2,000.00
Applitrack Applicant System	$9,000.00
Appointlet Software	$1,600.00
Aspen (X2) SIS	$216,275.00
Awesome Table	$800.00
CBT Nuggets	$1,350.00
Barracuda Renewal	$53,000.00
COSN Renewal	$1,400.00
Crowdstrike	$86,650.00
DameWare Renewal	$4,504.00
Deledao	$36,720.00
Destiny Library	$22,000.00
Destiny Resource Manager Software	$32,000.00
Domain Name Renewals & SSL Certificates	$2,500.00
DUO Advantage Software	$38,000.00
Tyler - Transportation Software Renewal	$17,069.00
Encylopedia Brittanica	$5,100.00
Energy Cap	$7,000.00
FinalSite Website	$54,540.00
FortiNet - Firewall (Erate @ 60% discount)	$112,000.00
Frontline: AESOP	$35,000.00
Frontline: Prof Development	$45,500.00
Google Plus Workspace Licenses	$50.00
Grammarly Renewal	$144.00
Help Desk Software Renewal	$8,500.00
Informacast	$14,000.00
JAMF Suite for iPad Inventory	$14,500.00
Microsoft Renewal	$77,000.00
ML Schedules	$8,000.00
My Flex Learning - Annual Fee	$12,000.00
Naviance (Grades 9-12)	$35,000.00
Senso (Classroom Management)	$2,400.00
NHCTO Membership	$1,400.00
Simple K renewal for Plant Operations	$3,000.00
Student Data Privacy Allegiance	$5,000.00
Systems Monitoring Software	$1,600.00
T-Eval Renewal	$13,600.00
TMA Software	$8,400.00
VMWare	$27,000.00
Workday Adaptive Insights Budgeting & Planning Software	$75,000.00
VEEAM Backup Licensing	$7,350.00
Bogen Intercom Software - High Schools	$10,000.00
Cleargov	$35,000.00
TOTAL	**$1,155,252.00**

Technology Budget for the District cont.

- Office Supplies
  - 91.1.992225-61100

Office Supplies	$750
Total	**$750.00**

- Professional Development
  - 91.1.992225-55400

Professional Development	$11,500.00
Total	**$11,500.00**

- Seasonal Help
  - 91.1.992225-51300

NTO Assistance	$1,400.00
Intern - Summer $16/hour	$4,800.00
Total	**$6,280.00**

Necessities and Nice-to-Have

- **Necessities**
  - **Maintain and Upgrade Infrastructure to Support the District for the Next Ten Years**
    - Core Switch at South High School for Summer 2026
  - **Equipment Refresh**
    - Chromebooks and Laptops to Support Teaching and Learning
  - **Security and Safety**
    - IT Cybersecurity Awareness Training, Software, Emergency Notifications, and Culture
  - **Equitable Access to Technology**
    - Fulfill the Ideal Classroom in Core Elementary Classrooms by the End of the School Year
- **Nice to Have**
  - **Outfit remaining ELL, UAs, and Special Education with interactive panels**