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To develop students who are competent and creative thinkers, curious and confident learners, and compassionate citizens.

Guidelines for Donations of Technology

There are a number of issues to consider when organizations are interested in donating technology to a school. We graciously accept offers *if and when* the items fit within our school framework and/or district plan.

Equity across our schools is important and some gifts may disrupt equity; however, declining a meaningful gift in the name of equity does not allow us the opportunity to test innovative ideas and raise our standards for everyone. The following points need consideration and mutual understanding when organizations offer to purchase technology for a school.

- The Principal is the point-person; all donations go through the Principal
- The Principal talks with the Assistant Superintendent and Technology Administrator(s) to insure understanding of the school's framework, the district's plan and the alignment of the potential purchase to school and district goals
 - ◆ What are the desired outcomes?
 - ◆ How will this gift enhance teaching and learning?
 - ◆ How does this gift impact the district's plan over time?
 - ◆ What is the impact of this gift on other schools, students and teachers?
- Together the administrators gain a shared understanding of the impact of such a gift on the school and the school system, and the potential for a pilot program. A pilot program would be entertained when there is a well-articulated plan to research the impact and effectiveness of the technology, such that if shown to be meaningful, the district would consider taking it to scale. Questions for consideration of a pilot program include, but are not limited to:
 - ◆ What is the problem you are seeking to solve and what do you hope to achieve?
 - ◆ What is the plan for effective implementation?
 - ◆ What is the definition of success and how will success be demonstrated?
- The Principal communicates with the donor, outlining all the issues defined above
- There is an agreed upon plan for the maintenance of the donated devices