

**Medford Public Schools
Technology Committee Revised Proposal
January 9, 2012**



Dear Mayor McGlynn, Superintendent Belson and members of the School Committee:

We, the members of the Medford Public Schools Technology Advisory Committee, present the following technology upgrade proposal for your approval.

The mission of the Medford Public Schools is to provide all students with the cognitive and affective skills to be a successful and responsible 21st century citizen in the global workplace and community. An integral part of this mission is to provide our students with the most effective methods and resources to maximize the learning experience, which includes appropriate, up-to-date technology. We believe this technology proposal is an integral part of our mission and addresses instructional the needs of our student, faculty and staff.

Based upon input from faculty, staff, parents, and community members, the Technology Committee feels strongly the most effective and efficient way to upgrade our technology is to do it in one phase. We're proposing an initial investment of \$3.3 million dollars which provide new computers for our students, faculty and staff while creating a robust wireless network that can support the new technology and increased internet usage,

The upgrade will allow us to:

- improve teaching and learning in the classroom and beyond the classroom
- address the instructional needs of all learners by providing universal access
- meet state mandates for testing and technology standards
- prepare for the re-accreditation of Medford High School
- save money by reducing costs for paper, textbooks, instructional materials/resources
- improve the retention of students in our schools

If this proposal is adopted, the committee strongly recommends providing financial support in future budgets. We have learned from past experience and our research that hardware, infrastructure, services and professional development must have adequate annual operating budgets to function effectively.

Respectfully submitted by the Medford Public Schools Technology Advisory Committee

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