

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Melissa K. Ambre, Director
Office of School Finance

DATE: July 30, 2018

SUBJECT: School Technology Advance Applications (STAA) and Common School Loan Technology Amendment

Indiana Code 20-49-6 establishes the School Technology Advancement Account within the Common School Fund. Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) is available annually for the purpose of loaning money to school corporations for the purchase of computer hardware and software to be used for student instruction and for the development and implementation of innovation technology projects. If the total amount of all the requests for advancements is greater than \$5,000,000, the department ranks the requests according to the assessed valuation per pupil. School corporations with the lowest assessed valuation per pupil have priority.

Under State Board rule 511 IAC 1-2.5, the amount of advancements range from a minimum of \$20,000 to a maximum determined under the following formula:

STEP ONE: Determine the ADM of the school corporation.

STEP TWO: Divide the ADM determined under STEP ONE by 25.

STEP THREE: Multiply the amount determined under STEP TWO by \$500.

The Treasurer of the State of Indiana administers STAA loan agreements and typically establishes the following repayment schedule:

- \$ 20,000 — \$ 50,999 2 years
- \$ 51,000 — \$100,999 3 years
- \$101,000 — \$300,000 4 years
- more than \$300,000 5 years

The Office of School Finance accepted applications from June 20 through July 13, 2018. The Office received requests from 16 school corporations and charter schools. Before the review process, two schools withdrew their requests for consideration. Based upon internal discussions regarding the 14 applications received and reviewed by the Department, we recommend that you approve 12 requests and deny two applications listed on the chart below at the September 5, 2018, meeting of the Board.

We recommend approval of \$2,015,338 in school technology advancement loans. The Department also recommends denial of the two charter schools applications because charter

schools are not eligible for STAA loans. Because there were additional funds available for distribution, we further recommend approval of additional advancements in the amount of \$578,698 resulting in a grand total of \$2,594,036 as referenced below:

Unit Code	School Corporation Name	Amount Requested (including additional funds)	Amount Recommended (including additional funds)
7875	West Lafayette Community School Corporation	\$ 71,340.00	\$ 71,340.00
1900	Cowan Community School Corporation	\$ 22,591.00	\$ 22,591.00
7995	Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation	\$ 768,000.00	\$ 768,000.00
6340	Cannelton City Schools	\$ 52,387.00	\$ 27,666.00
8115	MSD of Warren County	\$ 49,000.00	\$ 49,000.00
4580	Hanover Community School Corp	\$ 66,261.00	\$ 66,261.00
1010	Greater Clark County Schools	\$ 206,480.00	\$ 206,480.00
7175	Penn Harris Madison School Corporation	\$ 224,000.00	\$ 224,000.00
2305	Elkhart Community Schools	\$ 249,880.00	\$ 249,880.00
4645	Tri-Creek School Corporation	\$ 52,238.00	\$ 52,238.00
235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	\$ 589,380.00	\$ 589,380.00
940	West Clark Community Schools	\$ 267,200.00	\$ 267,200.00
9890	Indiana Virtual Charter School	\$ 135,040.00	\$ -
9155	Indiana Virtual Pathways Academy Charter Sch	\$ 59,160.00	\$ -

Project Descriptions:

West Lafayette Community School Corporation – The school corporation will use the funds to purchase the following:

- 40 Student computers
- 5 3D printers
- 10 Graphic display boards
- 3 SMART boards
- 23 Science tablets
- 10 HD projectors
- 10 Wifi hot spots

Cowan Community School Corporation – The school corporation will use the funds to purchase the following:

- 29 Desktop computers

Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation – The school corporation will use the funds to purchase the following:

- 128 Promethean boards replacement

Cannelton City Schools – The school corporation will use the funds to purchase the following:

- 200 Chromebooks/Computer peripherals
- Upgrade system servers, wireless network, and LAN network

MSD of Warren County – The school corporation will use the funds to purchase the following:

- 28 PC laptops
- Software
- Professional development

Hanover Community School Corporation – The school corporation will use the funds to purchase the following:

- 39 Teacher laptops

Greater Clark County Schools – The school corporation will use the funds to purchase the following:

- Impero education pro
- Learning management system
- 10 Promethium interactive whiteboards

Penn Harris Madison School Corporation – The school corporation will use the funds to purchase the following:

- Performing arts digital sound system
- 80 Tablets
- 750 Presentation computers

Elkhart Community School Corporation – The school corporation will use the funds to purchase the following:

- 8 Swivl recording devices
- 15 Projectors with installation
- 2 Outdoor wifi
- 208 Apple crayons
- 330 Testing headphones classroom sets
- 150 Tablet charging station
- 2 HS tech service desk projects
- 600 Spare tablet power bricks and cables
- 12 Library projectors and installation

Tri-Creek School Corporation – The school corporation will use the funds to purchase the following:

- 6 Computers for virtual reality
- 5 Monitors

- 5 Headsets
- 10 Control pads
- 4 Mounting systems
- 11 3D printer
- 20 Filaments
- 2 Base stations

Fort Wayne Community Schools – The school corporation will use the funds to purchase the following:

- 1140 Student laptops
- 40 Audio visual (monitors, projectors, installation, headphones)
- 33 Document cameras
- 15 Laptop carts
- Peripherals, cables, and cases

West Clark Community Schools – The school corporation will use the funds to purchase the following:

- mClass dibels
- Power school learning management system
- iXL software
- Learning A to Z
- Apex
- Houghton Mifflin reading
- OpenBook
- 1400 Solid-state drives

Amended Common School Loan Technology Advancement Request:

Merrillville Community School Corporation

The Office of School Finance received a request for an amendment to a common school technology loan approved in June 2018 for Merrillville Community School Corporation. The school received approval of \$638,619 for the purchase of student and teacher devices.

Merrillville Community School Corporation requests an amendment to the original project to include professional learning for instructional staff. The amendment does not increase the amount of the original project but amends the scope of the original project.

Based upon internal review of the project, we request approval of the amended project to include professional development costs.