Teaching and Learning is aware of the higher demand on technology in the schools this year because of the following:
1. The move to administer literacy and math assessments on MasteryConnect
2. The need to keep up with changes to programs such as Lexia as discussed at Principal Meeting on 9/17/19
3. A focus and shift to Digital and Blended Learning initiatives

In an effort to support and assist schools with the need to replace and/or add to their technology inventory, Teaching and Learning will match up to $12,000 that schools invest in addressing this need.

We are requesting that school teams comprised of the administration, school tech, secretary and any others you choose, work together to determine the particular needs of the school.

Please keep the following in mind as you determine your school's needs.
1. Technology Concerns with Switching to Lexia Core 5 Version 4. As discussed at Principal Meeting on 9/17/19, we will be making a switch to the new version of Lexia in January 2020. Core5 version 4 (also known as the enhanced version) requires iOS 10 or higher. In general, devices introduced in the past 7 years will be able to upgrade to iOS 10 or higher or were released with iOS 10 or higher. Older devices will either need to be updated or replaced. Here is the breakdown of iPad devices that will or will not be compatible with the new enhanced version of Core5:

COLUMN A Cannot Update to iOS 10	COLUMN B Can Update to iOS 10	COLUMN C Released with iOS 10 or higher
Original iPad (2010)	iPad (4th gen) November 2012	iPad mini 4 (2015)
iPad 2 (2011)	iPad Air (2013)	iPad Pro (12.9") 2015
iPad (3rd gen) March 2012	iPad mini 2 (2013)	iPad Pro (9.7") 2016
iPad mini (2012)	iPad Air 2 (2014)	iPad (2017)
	iPad mini 3 (2014)	iPad Pro (12.9", 2nd gen) 2017
		iPad Pro (10.5", 2nd gen) 2017
		iPad (2018)
		iPad Pro (11", 3rd gen) 2018
		iPad Pro (12.9", 3rd gen) 2018
		iPad Air (2019)
		iPad mini (2019)

Review your current technology with your school tech to identify devices that are currently being used by students to access Lexia, that will no longer work after the switch. Devices that cannot update to iOS 10 will need to be replaced. Devices that can be updated to iOS 10 will need to be updated by January.

2. When considering purchasing Chromebooks, understand that currently, the only way to utilize Chromebooks requires an email address and password to login. This is possible for younger students however can be a complicated process/routine for Kindergarten and 1st grade students.

However, there are teachers that have found some strategies to simplify this process and we are looking to them to share.

3. Remember that the need to replace and update technology is an ongoing process that should be evaluated and addressed each year. Please plan to conduct a review of your technology inventory and needs regularly along with different funding sources to meet these needs (Tech, TSSA, Landtrust, Equipment, etc.)

4. Some technology will also require purchasing of licenses to run certain programs such as Microsoft Office products. Please budget for these licenses if needed.

5. Some technology will require accessories such as adaptors, carts or other storage options, etc. Please budget for these items if needed.

6. Professional development may be a need. The Teaching and Learning department can provide this professional development. Please budget to cover the cost of substitutes, in-service or stipend pay for teachers to receive this professional development.

IMPORTANT – Once a requisition has been entered and the purchase order has been approved by Purchasing, please send a copy of the purchase order to Cindy Stevenson, Teaching and Learning, ASB. Cindy will then journal entry $12,000 into the budget code used to complete the purchase.

Please contact Michelle Lovell, Mandy Thurman or Shelley Nordick with any questions.