

M E M O R A N D U M**TO:** State Board of Education**FROM:** Melissa K. Ambre, Director
Office of School Finance**DATE:** July 22, 2020**SUBJECT:** School Technology Advance Applications (STAA) and Common School Loan
Technology Amendments

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 22 through July 17, 2020. The Office received requests from 10 school corporations. Based upon internal discussions regarding the 10 applications received and reviewed by the Department, we recommend that you approve the 10 requests listed on the chart below at the August 12, 2020 meeting of the Board.

We recommend approval of \$1,894,360 in school technology advancement loans. Because there were additional funds available for distribution, we further recommend approval of additional advancements in the amount of \$405,306 resulting in a grand total of \$2,299,666 as referenced below.

Additionally, we request approval of two common school loan amendments listed after the School Technology Advancement Applications.

Unit Code	School Corporation Name	Amount Requested (including additional funds)	Amount Recommended (including additional funds)
1900	Cowan Community School Corporation	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 24,000.00
7175	Penn Harris Madison School Corporation	\$ 226,100.00	\$ 226,100.00
8115	MSD Warren County	\$ 26,080.00	\$ 26,080.00
235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	\$ 589,720.00	\$ 589,720.00
6520	Porter Township School Corporation	\$ 30,660.00	\$ 30,660.00
7995	Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation	\$ 748,926.00	\$ 748,926.00
2305	Elkhart Community Schools	\$ 249,280.00	\$ 249,280.00
6910	Milan Community Schools	\$ 94,900.00	\$ 94,900.00
6510	East Porter County School Corporation	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
5360	MSD Warren Township	\$ 230,000.00	\$ 230,000.00

Project Descriptions:

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

- 150 Chrome Books

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

- 170 Hybrid Laptop/Tablets
- 170 Hub and AV Hook ups

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

- Aruba Wi-Fi access extended to parking areas to help provide students without internet access at home with access for e-learning.

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

- 658 Student laptops
- 30 Chromebooks
- 44 Monitors
- 150 iPads
- 125 Merge Cubes

- 31 Merge Cube Subscriptions
- STEM/STEAM kit
- Seesaw Software
- 3D Printer
- 10 Sphero kits
- 4 Microphone kits
- 1 Multipurpose screen

Porter Township Community Schools – The school corporation will use the funds to purchase the following:

- 100 Auto Tracking Webcams/cables

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

- 134 Promethean Panels
- 134 Document Cameras

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

- 829 Tripods for iPad for e-learning
- 43 Replacement Projectors
- 3 Projector and Audio Installation
- 375 Adobe Creative Cloud Software Licenses

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

- 260 Chromebooks

East Porter County School Corporation – The school corporation will use the funds to purchase the following:

- 250 Chromebooks

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

- 460 iPads with cords and cases

Common School Amendments

Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) received two requests to amend a previously approved common school loan project. Both amendments change the scope of the project, not the original amount approved.



Penn Harris-Madison School Corporation (7175) would like to amend their fall 2019 technology award, replacing \$222,000 that was approved for replacement computers for \$222,000 for 600 Document Cameras, 400 monitors and input devices (Wacom and Mice). Total expenditures would remain the same. The additional projects do not affect the overall project cost but would expand the project scope. The total project originally approved was \$1,115,070.

South Henry School Corporation (3415) would like to amend their fall 2018 construction award, replacing \$42,196 that was approved for lighting, with \$42,196 for replacement water fountains. Total expenditures would remain the same. The total project originally approved was \$688,260.