

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** State Board of Education

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

**DATE:** July 30, 2019

**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 19 through July 12, 2019. The Office received requests from 8 school corporations. Based upon internal discussions regarding the 8 applications received and reviewed by the Department, we recommend that you approve the 8 requests listed on the chart below at the August 7, 2019 meeting of the Board.

We recommend approval of \$1,800,840 in school technology advancement loans. Because there were additional funds available for distribution, we further recommend approval of additional advancements in the amount of \$444,913 resulting in a grand total of \$2,245,753 as referenced below:

Unit Code	School Corporation Name	Amount Requested (including additional funds)	Amount Recommended (including additional funds)
7875	West Lafayette Community School Corporation	\$ 100,440.00	\$ 100,440.00
1900	Cowan Community School Corporation	\$ 21,033.00	\$ 21,033.00
7995	Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation	\$ 739,100.00	\$ 739,100.00
1010	Greater Clark County Schools	\$ 206,500.00	\$ 206,500.00
7175	Penn Harris Madison School Corporation	\$ 228,000.00	\$ 228,000.00
2305	Elkhart Community Schools	\$ 242,480.00	\$ 242,480.00
235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	\$ 588,080.00	\$ 588,080.00
6910	Milan Community School Corporation	\$ 120,120.00	\$ 120,120.00

**Project Descriptions:**

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

- 150 STEM Student Computer Stations
- 35 Smart Boards with built in projector
- 4 Computer License Software for Math/Science STEM labs

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

- 27 Desktop computers

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

- 102 Promethean boards replacement
- 200 Student Chromebooks
- 65 Teacher Tablets

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

- Power School Unified Classroom Software License
- Learning.com Software License
- 100 Ipevo Document Cameras
- 6 Promethium interactive whiteboards

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

- 120 Graphics Workstations

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

- 275 Headphone classroom sets with microphone
- 3 Interactive Projector System
- 14 Sphero Education Packs
- 10 Mindstorm Lego Coding Robots
- 375 Adobe Creative Cloud Software Licenses
- 400 Lightning Cables and Bricks for iPads
- 391 iPad Charging Power Strips
- 42 Replacement Projectors/Speakers/Cabling/Installation
- 42 Projector Screens/Whiteboards

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

- 564 Student laptops
- 11 Audio visual (monitors, projectors, installation, headphones)
- 11 Mobile Carts
- 15 Laptop carts
- Peripherals, cables, and cases

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

- 337 Student Chromebooks