

## **Summary of ICOC Questions and Responses**

### **Reallocation of 2020 Sales Surtax Funds from Computers to Modern Classrooms**

- Please explain what is included in “modern classrooms”?

The Goal of the modern classroom is to support the district’s 1 to 1 computing initiative with a flexible classroom capable of supporting both our students and untethering our instructors from a single point in the classroom. We consistently hear from our teachers that BPS classrooms are not equipped well for the current needs of our students.

- 75” Promethean panel with a Windows integrated computer for improved functionality
  - Balance Box mounting system. (Allows up and down movement of the panel for students and staff member of various heights – 16”)
  - LightSpeed TopCat audio system with teacher microphone and wireless audio
  - Aver M11-8 Document camera. For use at the panel or at the teacher’s desk
  - Wireless mouse and keyboard
  - Mobile cart for use with wireless keyboard, mouse, and document camera
  - Two data connections installed behind the panel. One for the onboard computer and one for the panel
  - Double duplex power receptacle with USB A and C outlets
  - Removal of the existing 21<sup>st</sup> Century equipment and cabling (Projector, projection screen, audio system and speakers, and the cabling that runs from teacher station to projector)
  - Professional development provided by Promethean.
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- What is the status of the modern classroom project? – (How many are done? How many are planned?)
    - The Modern Classroom initiative began at South Lake ES in 2018 where all classrooms were outfitted with 75” Promethean panels. These were installed on carts and a different audio system was used. At that time, we did not opt for Windows machines as part of this project.
    - Viera ES had 39 classrooms outfitted with the Modern Classroom in 2020 and an additional 19 in 2022. We later integrated the Windows device to all the classrooms to bring the school up to the standards that we have since created.
    - Several schools have spent funds on the Modern Classroom as money becomes available. Typically, Title I funds.
    - ESSER funds were used in 2022 to purchase 79 – 86” panels for Media Centers throughout the district. This includes all the components mentioned above and these are on adjustable height carts versus the adjustable wall mounts for better mobility/flexibility in spaces provided.
    - ESE has purchased 95 - 75” Modern Classroom Bundles specific to ESE classrooms and an additional 54 are being planned.
    - To date there are over 340 classrooms with the Modern Classroom setup.

- How many more modern classrooms will this transfer support?
  - The transfer of \$3.6 Million from Surtax computers to Modern Classrooms will allow for the purchase and installation of 411 Modern Classrooms
- What will be the priority for the use of the surtax funds in modern classrooms?
  - During the budget creation for ET Surtax, the goal was and remains to get Modern Classrooms into all the schools. The counts are based on 10% of the total classroom count for each school. A school with 100 classrooms would receive 10 Modern Classrooms. Subsequently, a school with 40 classrooms would receive 4.
- What is the computer surtax funds used for – renewal or 1:1? Surtax funding was meant to be used for renewals. Primarily the replacement of computers that reach end of life.
- What is purchased for student devices and are they insured? Lenovo 300-W laptops are the current specification for student machines. This changed in 2022 from the Lenovo 11E as production ended on this model. The current and past models are purchased with a 3-year Accidental Device Protection warranty. BPS Technical Support Services (TSS) is the Lenovo approved servicer of these warranty claims as well as the Lenovo self-maintainer for the district.
- Explain the relationship of surtax, capital and ESSER funds for computers (both 1:1 and renewal).
  - The relationship of surtax and capital funding are very similar. Both were meant to renew machines that were end of life with the hope of capital funds getting to the point where we could begin moving to 1:1. When ESSER money became available as a result of Covid this gave us the opportunity to move student machines to 1:1 and capital commitments has given us the means to sustain for the foreseeable future.

#### Additional Information

Under a separate ET capital project, there are 500 classrooms being prepared to accept the Modern Classroom. This involves the reconfiguration of the teaching wall to accept the Promethean panel. All items are removed from the teaching wall, all the holes are patched, and the wall is painted from corner to corner. White boards are re-installed with a 72" space in between them so that the new panel fits perfectly in between them.