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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Selected High School Principals, Selected High School English, Math, Science, Social Studies Teachers; Curriculum & Instruction Specialists; Area Superintendents

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SUBJECT: Laptop Cart Grant Opportunity

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Announcing the 2010 – Laptop Cart Grant

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The following High Schools are identified as being eligible for this grant funding based on the age of the laptops that are currently used in their schools and <u>only teachers from these schools may apply</u>:

> **Butler, E.E. Waddell, East Mecklenburg, Garinger Schools, Harding, Hawthorne, Independence; Midwood, Myers Park, North Mecklenburg, Northwest School of the Arts, Olympic Schools, Phillip O. Berry, Providence, South Mecklenburg, Turning Point, Vance, West Charlotte , West Mecklenburg, and Vance.**

The Laptop Cart Grant will be awarded to select high school content areas. Priority will be given to English, Math, Science, and Social Studies departments. Departments in high schools with large student populations may apply for up to two carts per content area provided there are clear objectives on how each cart will be used. For example, the science department may make two applications, a cart for Biology and another for Chemistry where these two subjects have too many students enrolled to share a single cart. Applications must indicate how this equipment is used:

- To support the efforts to improve student achievement by using computers in the classroom
- To provide state of the art, research supported technology tools to implement integrated lessons
- To provide a source of innovation and educational improvement
- To meet the educational needs of all students
- To develop and implement education programs to improve student and teacher and school performance

High school content areas who are selected will receive a laptop cart of 15 laptops with a printer installed for their department. This equipment will be used to replace older existing laptop carts. The old laptops will be surrendered and the cart itself reused for the new thin client laptops. These new laptops will run all software through the network, rather than off the local hard drive using new state of the art equipment and software that will provide much improved response time, especially at log-in. You **WILL** notice the difference! Total number of carts a school may receive is tied to student population. Funding for this project is supplied through State Technology Monies.

The Grant application is only available on-line at: http://www.cmswiki.wikispaces.net/ . There is also a link to the wiki through the Instructional Technology Intranet page.