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To: Liam Skinner, Superintendent
From: Derek Pinto Assistant Superintendent of Finance
Date: January 15, 2026
Re: Donation Massachusetts Technology Collaborative to Lowell Public Schools

Purpose: Request School Committee approval to accept a technology donation from the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative (MassTech).

Background: Lowell Public Schools was awarded a state-provided grant administered by the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative (MassTech) through its **Connected & Online Program**, a statewide initiative funded by the U.S. Treasury Capital Projects Fund and led by the Executive Office of Economic Development. MassTech serves as the implementing subrecipient.

As a result of this award, MassTech is donating **500 Dell 3120 2-in-1 touchscreen Chromebooks**, each with a **three-year hardware warranty and accidental damage coverage**, with an estimated total value of **\$150,000**. The award was received in **January 2026**, and delivery of devices is anticipated within the next several weeks.

Use, Oversight, and Conditions: Devices will be deployed at **Lowell High School** to support instruction and equitable access to technology. Approximately **30 devices** will be maintained on-site in mobile carts, with the remaining devices distributed to students through a lending model for at-home use.

Lowell High School will be responsible for inventory control, usage oversight, and compliance with all program requirements. Devices must be provided **at no cost** to end users and remain **publicly accessible** through the period of performance ending **December 21, 2026**. All devices remain the **property of Lowell Public Schools**.

The program requires **quarterly and year-end reporting**, which will be coordinated by district staff in collaboration with school leadership. Close-out guidance anticipates continued use through the end of the devices' useful life, subject to final direction from MassTech.

Fiscal Impact: No hard cost to the district. Soft costs include IT personnel responding to tickets/work to be performed on these devices to ensure they are working properly.

Recommendation: The administration recommends acceptance of this donation as it supports district goals related to instructional access, workforce readiness, and digital equity.

Recommended Motion: *Vote: That the Lowell School Committee accept the donation of 500 Dell 3120 2-in-1 touchscreen Chromebooks from the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative through its Connected & Online Program, as presented, and authorize the Superintendent or designee to execute all documents necessary to effectuate acceptance and compliance.*