

State of Illinois announces partnership to provide **\$85.00** computers to schools



Computer Banc is teaming up this spring with Illinois lawmakers and state officials and agencies to help improve children's access to digital literacy.

"The Computer Banc pilot program has afforded our students the opportunity to integrate real-time technology into their classrooms. Technology truly helps make the world go round, but teachers and groups like the Computer Banc help "cash strapped" districts such as ours be a part of that world." said *Principle Stephanie Cann, Wolf Ridge Elementary School and Jr. High in Bunker Hill, Illinois.*

The pilot program repurpose surplus government computers to provide children low cost learning tools for education readiness both at school and at home. "It's gratifying to be a catalyst in providing low cost technology solutions for education and receive the level of cooperation from all the prepilot participants, government agencies, and Illinois elected officials." said David Fowler, Executive Director of the Illinois nonprofit Computer Banc.

- Two thousand \$85.00 computers are available for the 2017/2018 school year for Illinois schools for August 1st delivery. Additional computers will be available on a monthly basis on the first of each subsequent month. All of the computers are warranted for one full year.
- The computers provide online web browser access featuring Google Chrome for classroom learning, Testnav functionality for required assessment testing, and offline curriculum featuring over 1500 eBooks, Illinois State Museum modules, and early learning educational games.

"Our children need to be technologically savvy to be able to compete today." said Representative Jimenez. "These repurposed computers are tailored to schools' individual needs; and can also be sent home with students to continue their work, whether or not they have Wi-Fi in their home."

A quote from a 3rd grade girl...When I asked her about what she thought about the new computers in her room she answered, "They are wonderful! We play games, draw, type, and oh, we learn stuff too!"

Action Item: Please reach out to your school districts and share this valuable resource opportunity and facilitate their participation in improving digital literacy access for the upcoming school year.

Note: participation as a pilot partner is not required to acquire the \$85.00 computers.

For additional information on this partnership, please visit www.repsara.com.

Computer Banc pilot information is available at: www.ComputerBanc.org or contact David Fowler, Executive Director at email: director@computerbanc.org
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Our Mission: To provide families, adults, special needs individuals, seniors, and veterans with computer access at home or school

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY

BETWEEN PILOT PARTNERS:

**THE COMPUTER BANC (CB)
and**

School name

I. PURPOSE

This document constitutes an agreement between _____
Schools Name

And Computer Banc, for a Nine month Early Learning Pilot from August 2017 until June 2018.

Description and Mission

What is it? The Pilot Program is designed to provide a unique solid –state technology solution to all schools experiencing demanding technology needs. The CB-P computers provide the following: online web browser access featuring Google Chrome for classroom learning and Testnav functionality for required assessment testing. The CB-Pilot features off-line classroom related software and curriculum content that can be accessed without the need of an internet connection.

Our **mission** is to provide learning tools for education readiness to all kids in need whether at school or at home. Computer Banc’s 1999 founding mission was providing computers for kids in the home. Today, we view our mission to include supporting schools and other non-profit organizations who also support our kids.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

_____ will:
Schools Name

1. Work with Computer Banc to determine most suitable teachers most likely to complete the pilot and cooperate in outcome measurements.
2. Work jointly with Computer Banc to ensure best outcomes for students and the district. Incentives for completing the pilot and for maintain possession of the equipment is at the discession of the school.
3. Provide funding for fund _____ computers provided by CB at a cost of \$85.00 per device.
4. Monitor and provide student training documentation where appropriate.
5. Continue mentoring program participants up to at least 15 days after program ends.
6. Communicate with CB managers during and at least 30 days after completion of pilot.
7. School agrees to fund invoice according to terms stated.

Computer Banc will:

1. Provide #_____computers as described in the attachment. Repair program participants computers on an as need basis. Computer delivery be no later than August 1, 2017.
2. Provide invoice by upon receipt of MOU. Invoices will be due with 70% upon receipt and balance on delivery of computers.
3. Communicate regularly by phone or email with program partner to provide updates and support and/or problems with user cooperation
4. Each participate retain ownership of the computer after the completion of the pilot program.
5. Provide On-site training documentation for school employees if needed.
6. Computer Banc will provide the pilot partner with all invoiced equipment and training materials for each participant.

PERIOD OF AGREEMENT AND MODIFICATION/TERMINATION

This agreement will be effective beginning upon signature

This Memorandum of Understanding constitutes the entire agreement between the parties for its stated purpose, and no modification or addition will be valid unless signed by the parties and appended to this agreement.

Signed on behalf of:

Computer Banc of Springfield, Illinois

David Fowler, Executive Director

Date

Schools Name

Authorized Signature

Date