

Press Release:

WEST PLATTE SCHOOL DISTRICT RECIEVES OVER \$125,000 IN FREE TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT

The West Platte School District continues to make strides in upgrading its instructional technology infrastructure. Under the direction of Technology Director Shane Farmer, the district is moving forward quickly with a number of initiatives and has already taken advantage of over \$125,000 in free equipment through the Computers for Learning Program.

The Computers for Learning program evolved as a guide for implementing Executive Order 12999, Educational Technology: Ensuring Opportunity for all Children in the Next Century. The executive order encourages agencies, to the extent permitted by law, to transfer computers and related peripheral equipment excess to their needs directly to schools and some educational nonprofit organizations.

To date, West Platte has received scanners, black and white laser printers, color laser printers, keyboards, and other peripherals which will be implemented this fall. The district has also received approximately 150 Dual Core CPU's and flat panel monitors. These will be used to equip each classroom with a new teacher workstation and will also be used to populate a new computer lab in the High School Media Center.

Tech Director Farmer shared, "The Computers for Learning Program is an excellent way to bring high quality, highly functional equipment into our school at no cost to the district other than the minimal cost required to ship these resources from processing sites across the county to West Platte. I have used this program for a number of years and look forward to bringing continued benefits to the students and teachers at West Platte in the future."

To better inform the community on the current technology migration taking place, a comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding will soon be available on wpsd.net and via an upcoming press release to local media. If you have any specific questions, feel free to email Shane Farmer, West Platte Director of Technology, at farmers@wpsd.net.