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NVC AS Educational Technology Committee Statement on Computer Refresh Proposal

The Educational Technology Committee (ETC) supports the District Technology Committee (DTC) Computer Refresh Proposal and Roadmap as recommended by the DTC. The proposal adequately addresses the needs of the campus across constituencies. There is a good distribution of computers between faculty, instruction, staff, and others. It is a fair and robust plan.

As stated in the campus-wide email, *“The proposed refresh from the 2018-19 and 2019-20 fiscal years have yet to be completed and is still listed on the roadmap. As per the overall refresh strategy, the computers identified for 2020-21 are what would be proposed for purchase this spring. Ideally any purchases of new computers would be applied to the prior year proposals first.”* This puts the funding and implementation of the plan two-years behind schedule. As the campus slowly opens up during 2021 – 22, working and up-to-date computers will be even more important to the functioning of the campus.

We view the funding and implementation of this proposal as a top priority of the institution. As more time passes, the computers will continue to age, passing their current median age of 6 years. Though the median age is 6, there are over 100 computers on campus that are 10 years old or older. The refresh strategy for all District computers is to keep the median age at 5 years. The ETC thinks this is a reasonable goal for the District.

We affirm that NVC leadership must stand behind, fund and prioritize technology needs. These issues affect the whole campus community. With sustained, robust support, technology problems can be resolved more efficiently, cost effectively, and expediently.