

Consideration of Personalized Digital Learning (PDL) Expansion for Grades K - 4

Policy Reference: **OE-10:** The superintendent shall maintain a program of instruction that offers challenging and relevant opportunities for all students to achieve at levels defined in the board's **Results** policies.

Background Information: The district currently maintains a 1:1 Personalized Digital Learning (PDL) initiative for middle schools, high schools, and grade 5 in elementary schools. Students in grades 3-4 share devices at a ratio of 1:2. The recommendation is to expand the PDL initiative to a ratio of 1:1 in grades Kindergarten K– 4. In addition, each student in the Child Development (CD) program will be assigned a device that was previously assigned to 3rd - 4th graders. Expansion of the 1:1 PDL program will provide schools with greater flexibility for delivering personalized instruction to students in either a classroom or home setting.

Purpose: Expand the 1:1 PDL program in grades CD-4 to provide schools with greater flexibility for delivering personalized instruction to students in either a classroom or home environment.

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Recommended Action: Approve funding to expand the 1:1 PDL initiative to include the purchase and assignment of the iPad-7th Generation to all students in grades K-4.

Estimated Cost: \$5,365,800

Recurring ☒ Non-recurring ☐

Funding Sources: Residual Technology Funds and CARES Act Funds

Recommendation Funding Details:

- PDL Initiative, 1:1 devices, Grades 3-4, iPad 7th Generation: \$1,386,000 from Residual Technology Funds
- PDL Initiative, 1:1 devices, Grades K-2, iPad 7th Generation \$3,979,800 from CARES Act Funds