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TO: Glynn Walker  
DATE: March 7, 2011  
SUBJECT: Desktop PC and Thin Client Computers for Greens Prairie Elementary

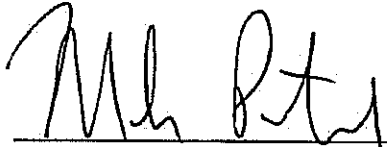
As part of the 2009 bond program, the Technology Department has identified the technology requirements for Greens Prairie Elementary.

The district has purchased Hewlett Packard (HP) computers for several years for various locations throughout the district. These computers are still available on the Department of Information (DIR) contract with HP. Having the same model computers creates a consistent and predictable experience for all teachers throughout the district. It will allow the district to streamline software purchasing and development and will create more efficient processes to troubleshoot and maintain district computers. A standardized platform will also allow us to reduce the amount of data and replacement parts stored, thus reducing operational costs.

The Department of Information Resources (DIR) is an agency of the State of Texas that has established contracts with vendors for technology related products and services. DIR contracts have been competitively bid and meet the competitive bid requirements stipulated in Texas Government Code, Section 791.025. As a public school district we are eligible to purchase from DIR contracted vendors and receive the discounts that are based on the state's anticipated volume for participating state agencies, public institutions of higher education, public school districts and other local governments.

As part of the process the Technology Department has worked with MicroAge College Station, a participating vendor of the DIR to compile the attached quote.

It is the recommendation of Mark Pantel, Director of Purchasing and Chris Speier, Director of Technology that we purchase the HP Desktop PC and Thin Client Bundle computers for Greens Prairie Elementary from Micro Age for \$187,912.00 per the DIR contract # DIR-SDD-1364.

  
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Mark Pantel, Director of Purchasing

  
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Chris Speier, Director of Technology