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One to World Technology Program Coming to NUSD Schools

Novato...The Novato Unified School District's Board of Trustees approved the implementation of a district wide One to World Technology Program beginning in the 2017-18 school year with grades 5, 6, & 9. Thanks to voter-approved Measure G, this bond measure included funding for technology for students. The 2017-18 school year will be the first year of the rollout and will be followed in subsequent years so that all students receive devices by the 2019-2020 school year.

NUSD held a 1:1 pilot program from February 2016 to May 2017 with a select group of teachers at each school level (elementary, middle and high school). The pilot group was comprised of four high school teachers, two 6th grade teachers, four 5th grade teachers, and four 4th grade teachers. Throughout the pilot process the team of fourteen teachers, instructional coaches, and district administrators met on a regular basis to participate in targeted professional development and record their progress and input. Data was collected through a series of surveys, discussion notes, and classroom observations.

The teachers chose one of three devices to pilot: Google Chromebooks, Apple iPads, or Microsoft Surfaces. The comparison of the different devices provided information to support the final decision about which device would be most appropriate for NUSD's One to World student device rollout. The comparison was based on three different criteria: instructional benefits, impact on student learning, and sustainability and security. After 14 months, Chromebooks were chosen as the device to rollout to students.

The Technology Advisory Committee recognized there was a need to update the language of the 1:1 initiative to accurately reflect the WHY of providing students with devices. Specifically, the idea of 1:1 pilot focuses the attention on the device as opposed to the true objective which is to provide students with access to the global community through the internet, to access an innovative and collaborative tool, and to access the tremendous amount of information available via the internet. Therefore, NUSD's strategy in providing students with access to devices is the change from 1:1 to the new name for our initiative: One to World.

Superintendent Hogeboom commented, "I'm excited for our students and the opportunities these devices will provide them. Computers are an important tool in today's world and having access to them is critical in preparing our students for the future. Computers are quickly becoming today's textbooks and windows into the world. Not only are we preparing our

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students for the future with our Graduate Profile of 6 C's but we're also providing the tools to help them get there."

The total technology cost for the first year of the rollout is \$588,000 which includes the cost of the Chromebooks, back up devices, cords, and storage carts. This will be funded through Measure G bond funds.

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