Fairfield Elementary School

Technological Advancement for the Students

Verizon Foundation

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Abstract

Enclosed, you will find a grant proposal written on behalf of Fairfield Elementary School. This public school is requesting funds to help them support their initiatives of purchasing 100 new computers for their students. Fairfield Elementary provides education for grade levels of Pre-Kindergarten through sixth grade.

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To whom it may concern:

It is my pleasure to submit the enclosed proposal on behalf of Fairfield Elementary School to the Verizon Foundation. The school is requesting $34,998.50 to provide 50 HP laptops and 50 HP desktops for the students of the school. These computers will help the students gain technological advancement and better prepare them for their future.

It is from my understanding that your foundation provides grants for organizations that actively support programs addressed by the Verizon Foundation's focus areas of education, literacy, domestic violence prevention or technology for healthcare and healthcare accessibility. Fairfield Elementary School actively supports education and literacy.

I encourage you to visit the school's website, fps.fairfield.k12.sc.us/. Please feel free to contact me at 803-718-0029 if you have any questions. If you would like to visit the school, I'd be happy to show you around. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Candice L. Edrington

Enclosure: Grant Proposal

Contact Information

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Organization Information

Located in the heart of Winnsboro, South Carolina, Fairfield Elementary School is one of the many elementary schools in the Fairfield County School District. This public school provides education for grade levels Pre-Kindergarten up to the sixth grade. Tammy F. Martin serves as the principal with Joaquin Brown and Kathy Woodard as the assistant principals. The number of students constantly goes up and down because of the students who move throughout the school year. As of today, the current enrollment is 676 students approximately with 49 fulltime teachers.

Mission Statement

The mission statement of Fairfield Elementary School is to prepare each student to become a responsible thinker and seeker of knowledge in a safe, nurturing environment supported by the community

School Creed

The school's creed is as follows: *I am somebody; I am capable and loveable; I am teachable, therefore I can learn; I can do anything if I try, I will be the best that I can be each day, I will not waste time because it is too valuable. I am too precious and bright, I am somebody.*

Problem Statement

The lack of enough computers throughout the entire school presents a problem for the students. The problem is that students are not able to become technologically literate. Throughout the school, there are some computers for students. Although there is computer access for the students, there are not enough computers for every student. Due to the insufficient amount of computers, some students are placed at a disadvantage in comparison to the others.

Goals and Objectives

The ultimate goal of this project is to obtain the necessary funds to purchase computers for the students of Fairfield Elementary School. Students will have an increase in their computer skills, they will become more computer literate, they will be able to increase their web search capabilities, they will learn how to create PowerPoint's, and they will also be able to complete computer based assignments all by purchasing new computers for the school.

Project Information

In each of the classrooms at Fairfield Elementary School, there is currently at least one teacher computer and in some cases, there may be one or two additional computers for centers in which students can take turns working on. However, if the school were to receive additional computers in their classrooms, the teachers would be empowered to provide innovative teaching best practices to teach the skills of ELA and Math. Based on educational data, Fairfield Elementary School did not meet any of its objectives for Adequate Yearly Progress in the area of Reading. The school met 16 out of 21 objectives for the 2010-2011 school year.

With additional computers whether they are laptops or desktops, the students could have more experiences with websites that enhance vocabulary development and reading best practices. They would also have access to software programs such as Study Island, Brain Pop, etc. These programs could have more of an impact on student teaching and learning if students had more face time with the computers with the teacher providing guidance. In addition, if students had more time with computers in their classrooms, they would not have to waste valuable time going back and forth to the computer lab as well as the media center. The computers allow teachers to differentiate instruction more effectively by allowing students to work on his or her individual levels.

In the lower grades, students would benefit from computers that have the Waterford system to help students with phonics and reading which are the foundations for success. Older students will be able to publish their work, conduct research, and use the computers to enrich their studies in science and social studies.

All of the students regardless of grade level would gain some form of advancement from these additional computers. If chosen to receive this grant by your foundation, the teachers of each grade level would be responsible for the monitoring of the equipment. Internet safety would be reviewed with the children before surfing different websites. The ethnic percentage of the students benefitted by this grant and these additional computers would be 84% African American, 11% Caucasian and 5% Hispanic. The gender breakdown of these students is 347 Males and 329 Females. A list of teachers and their grade levels will be included in the Appendix. Because of confidentiality, only the initials of the teachers can be released.

The school is currently only requesting funds to purchase 100 new computers. Among these computers will be 50 laptops and 50 desktops. HP will be the manufacturer of these computers because they have been found to offer the best prices. The students and the teachers have used some Compaq computers which is a branch of the HP brand thus making them familiar with this brand. The desktops would be the Pavillion P6z series and the laptops would be the HP mini 210 customizable Netbook PC. A table of the budget is located on the following page of this proposal.

The desktops include Genuine Windows 7 Home Premium, an AMD E-450 dual-core processor, 2GB DDR3-1333MHz SDRAM, 500GB 7200 rpm SATA hard drive, Microsoft Office Starter, integrated graphics, a HP 2011x 20-inch LED Monitor, SuperMulti DVD Burner, integrated Ethernet port, 2 USB, front audio ports, integrated sound, HP keyboard and optical mouse. The

laptops include Genuine Windows 7 Starter, 32-bit Intel Atom Processor N2600,1GB DDR3 System Memory, Microsoft Office Starter ,a 6 Cell Lithium Ion Battery, a 10.1-inch diagonal WSVGA LED-backlit Display, a Webcam with an integrated digital microphone, 802.11b/g/n WLAN, and an 80-key full-size textured spill-resistant keyboard.

Budget

The amount that the school is requesting from your foundation is $34,998.50. This amount was calculated from the prices of the mentioned computers found on the website of the HP manufacturer and was also confirmed by a representative from the company via telephone. The website has special offers which includes free shipping and that's the reason the computers would be ordered via the website. Not only will the school need the computers, but they will also need the infrastructure with wiring and cabling to support the computers. Although additional infrastructure which includes wiring and cable would be needed to support the computers, this proposal is not requesting those funds. Once the school gets the computers, another foundation would be sought out for additional support. Below you will find a table that illustrates the concluded total of this project.

Computer Model	Price	Subtotal
Desktops	$399.98*50	$19,999.00
Laptops	$299.99*50	$14,999.50
	SHIPPING:	FREE
	TOTAL:	$34,998.50

Although this is the projected budget for this project, any amount that you are willing to grant would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for the consideration of Fairfield Elementary School for this grant opportunity.

Appendix

Staff

Below is a table of the 43 staff members who will be responsible for the computers that are purchased for the school. Due to confidentiality reasons, only the initials of the teachers could be released. The grade levels listed are those in which they teach.

1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
G.E.	H.H.	M.W.	K.R.	B.B.
C.B.	S.S.	D.S.	B.N.	M.W.
L.A.	L.R.	C.B.	N.N.	C.R.
L.W.	Y.G.	A.C.	A.J.	T.W.
A.M.				
6th Grade	**Kindergarten**	**Child Dev.**	**Spec. Ser.**	**Rel. Arts.**
D.T.	R.D.	L.G.	T.B.	S.K.
A.R.	K.K.	R.G.	E.H.	J.M.
S.J.	D.B.	O.T.	C.Y.	C.W.
C.R.	L.D.	J.C.	S.M.	L.H.
		G.M	R.M.	R.S.
		M.J.	H.H.	
			S.K.	
			R.M.	
			S.A.	