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TO: KPBSD CHARTER SCHOOL ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEES AND ADMINISTRATORS

FROM: KARI DENDURENT 

RE: Charter School Technology Equipment Purchasing

Effective July 1, 2026, charter schools will be responsible for purchasing and funding their own technology equipment. Charter schools may purchase approved equipment that meets Kenai Peninsula Borough School District (KPBSD) technology standards and will submit and fund their own purchase requisitions using charter school accounts.

Charter schools will continue to be welcome participants in the district's technology refresh planning process. District Technology Services will provide consultation regarding approved equipment specifications, technology planning, and opportunities to participate in cooperative purchasing agreements or competitive bid pricing available through the district.

Charter schools receive the full per-student funding generated under Alaska's public school foundation formula and are responsible for managing their individual program budgets. The district retains a limited administrative fee, capped by Alaska Statute at four percent, to recover a portion of indirect administrative costs associated with providing centralized services such as business operations, payroll, purchasing, human resources, and other districtwide functions (AS 14.03.260(a)). By statute and design, this administrative fee is intended to recover shared overhead costs rather than expenses that directly benefit an individual charter school.

Technology devices purchased specifically for a charter school are a direct program cost of that school rather than an indirect district expense. Prior to 2014, charter schools independently purchased their own technology equipment. Beginning with the 2014 district technology refresh cycle, KPBSD assumed responsibility for purchasing and funding charter school technology devices through the district technology plan, absorbing these costs within the district's general fund alongside technology purchases for district-operated schools. As a

result, the district has been funding a direct charter school expense that is appropriately the responsibility of each charter school's operating budget.

Given ongoing revenue shortfalls and increasing operational costs, continuing this practice is no longer financially sustainable or equitable to district-operated schools. Returning responsibility for technology purchases to charter schools aligns financial responsibility with the budget authority charter schools already possess and ensures consistent treatment of direct program expenses across the district.

This change is consistent with the Alaska Charter School Act (AS 14.03.250–14.03.290) and does not reduce or otherwise affect the statutory funding generated by any charter school.

All technology purchases must comply with KPBSD technology standards, including approved hardware models and specifications, cybersecurity and device management requirements, network compatibility, interoperability standards, and warranty and lifecycle expectations. Adherence to these standards ensures network security, efficient technical support, and instructional continuity across the district's technology infrastructure.

References

Equipment Lifecycle Policy: <https://go.kpbsd.org/kb/18000000111>

Equipment Procurement: <https://go.kpbsd.org/kb/18000042904>