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TO: Geneseo Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Joni Swanson

RE: Technology Purchases in K-12 Schools since 2007

The Geneseo Schools have been fortunate recipients of grants provided by the following groups since the 2006-07 school year in order to purchase instructional technology aides as listed on the following pages.

Geneseo Endowment for Excellence in Education

Geneseo Communications Foundation

Geneseo is For Tomorrow (GIFT)

Wyffels Hy-Breds

Pioneer Hy-Breds

Waterman/Blade Foundation

Geneseo Foundation

Geneseo MS/HS PTA

Geneseo Community School District Technology and Curriculum Office Fund
Accounts

Although many interactive whiteboard systems have been purchased, five teachers in the district remain with unfulfilled requests. A small number of classrooms at the Middle and High School do not have daily access to computer projectors and document cameras. Many more classrooms at the elementary level are in need of access to projectors for check out in the buildings. Grants will continue to be written to complete technology implementation in our classrooms.

This year's staff development is concentrating on not only reading instruction, but also on technology usage and implementation throughout the district. Portions of inservice dates and after school sessions are being devoted to improving teacher utilization of new technologies for instructional usage. Another growing emphasis is on student access to and use of technology, as a means to improve technological literacy and development of new educational opportunities, activities and projects through the use of technology.

A condition of receiving access to interactive whiteboard systems is an obligation to complete training to effectively utilize this equipment. Training has been purchased from consultants outside the district in the last two years. Recently, the PIC committee has given their approval to train one of our high school teachers as a certified SMART trainer. The reassignment of Bill Eaker as Elementary Technology Specialist has allowed many more teachers and students at the elementary level to experience the use of interactive Promethean systems.

SMART INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARD SYSTEMS Installed or soon to be installed:

HS

Michelle Schneden - English
Jen Croner- Spanish
Scott Christensen - Math
Megan Brewer- Social Studies
Amanda Rodriguez- Vocational
Fran Hirschfelder – Science/Math
Jon Obrecht - Science
Bart Frey - Science
Kathy Griffith - Library
Sarah Schnowske - Math
Stephanie Mattie - French
Alyson Anton - English
LaJean Breedlove/Sandy Gauley – Special Education
Brian Stahl - Vocational
Suzi Rehn/Michelle Garrison – Vocational/Art
Greg Smith - Vocational

MS

Pat Mitchell - Math
Martha Fleming – Math/Language Arts
Chris Bumann – Social Studies
Dan Putman - Math
Jeanne Anderson - English
Jennifer Brudos – Language Arts/Social Studies
Nancy Cook -MS Large Group Room - Library
Jill DePauw- Language Arts/Social Studies

PROMETHEAN INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARD SYSTEMS Installed or soon to be installed:

Bill Eaker – Elementary Computer Labs (3)
Paula Vermost – 1st grade Northside
Jennifer Spiegel – 5th grade Northside
Traci Schulz – 5th grade Northside
Marcie Reakes – 1st grade Southwest
Stephanie Rickman – 2nd grade Southwest
Cathy Faulkner – 5th grade Southwest
Sarah Boone – 3rd grade Millikin
Jennifer Snodgrass – 1st grade Millikin
Sarah Stroud – 1st grade Millikin (pending funding)

Document cameras and/or computer projectors purchased for K-12 classrooms:

High School:

All HS Math, Social Studies, Science, and Vocational classrooms and libraries.
All but one HS English classroom. All but one HS Special Education classroom.
Additional purchase: 30 Kindles for HS English Classes

Middle School:

All MS 6th grade, 7th and 8th grade Family/Consumer Science, Art, English, Science and Math classrooms.
All but one MS Special Education classroom. One MS Social Studies classroom.

Elementary:

Millikin – 3rd and 4th grade classrooms
SW – Art

Training for SMART INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARD SYSTEMS:

SMART level 1 training has been completed by all but two teachers who have interactive white board systems.

SMART level 2 training has been completed or is currently underway for all but one teacher who has an interactive whiteboard system.

One teacher, Alyson Anton, at the HS will be trained as a certified SMART trainer this winter. She will be able to provide additional training sessions for teachers at the MS and HS.

Michelle Schneden and Dan Putman have also volunteered to assist with additional SMART work sessions (not training) during teacher inservice.

Training for PROMETHEAN INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARD SYSTEMS:

All but three teachers with systems have participated in Saturday training sessions provided by Promethean trainers. All teachers with installed systems have participated in free, on-line introductory training and in after school sessions.

Bill Eaker hosts after school training sessions this school year – one per month except December. Bill has completed advanced Promethean training. He keeps elementary teachers abreast of new ideas and trouble shoots any system problems, such as a failed projector in Paula Vermost's room. Bill encourages and assists teachers who do not have systems to use those installed into the Elementary Computer Labs. Jackie Bopp is also using the systems in the computer labs to teach skills for Library usage.