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AID TO DISTRICTS TECHNOLOGY

Fiscal Year 2018–19 Report



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The following report is provided by the Education Oversight Committee (EOC) to the K-12 School Technology Initiative Committee pursuant to Proviso 1A.76. of the 2018-19 General Appropriation Act.

This report documents how \$12.0 million in Education Improvement Act (EIA) funds, appropriated by the General Assembly to school districts for technology, were expended in Fiscal Year 2018-19. Proviso 1A.76. governs the expenditure of these funds, previously known as the K-12 Technology Initiative, to improve external and internal technology infrastructure and to increase one-to-one computing initiatives in schools. The report also includes information on efforts made by school districts to obtain reimbursements through the federal E-rate program. The data provided are self-reported by all 82 school districts, including the South Carolina Public Charter School District and the Charter Institute at Erskine.

Executive Summary

The staff of the Education Oversight Committee (EOC) surveyed school districts between March 1, 2019 and April 12, 2019. All 82 school districts, including the South Carolina Public School Charter District, responded to the K-12 Technology Initiative survey. In addition, the Charter Institute at Erskine, the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind, and the Department of Juvenile Justice responded to the K-12 Technology Initiative survey. The self-reported responses were analyzed by the EOC staff and documented as reported.

In Fiscal Year 2018-19, the General Assembly appropriated \$12.0 million in EIA revenues to districts for Aid to District – Technology. Of this amount, \$350,000 was retained by the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) pursuant to Proviso 1.73. of the 2018-19 General Appropriation Act to “provide technology technical assistance to school districts.” Approximately \$11,612,705 was allocated to the 82 school districts and the Charter Institute at Erskine and \$29,938 to the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind, the Department of Juvenile Justice, and Palmetto Unified School District.

In Fiscal Year 2018-19 school districts reported having \$15.6 million in funds for technology - \$11.6 million in EIA funds allocated during the current Fiscal Year and \$4.0 million in unexpended funds from the program carried forward from the prior fiscal year, Fiscal Year 2017-18, to Fiscal Year 2018-19.

Of these available funds, school districts reported that they will expend \$13.1 million and will carry forward 15% or \$2.4 million into Fiscal Year 2019-20. Of the funds to be expended in Fiscal Year 2018-19, districts reported that they will spend \$11.5 million accordingly:

- 56 percent on expanding and developing 1:1 computing initiatives through the replacement of existing devices and the purchasing of new devices;
- 28 percent on improving internal connections;
- 13 percent on other non-approved expenditures as reported by 8 school districts that did not receive waivers from the K-12 School Technology Initiative Committee; and
- 3 percent spent on improving external connections.

As of May 1, 2019, no school district had requested a waiver from the K-12 Technology Committee for Fiscal Year 2018-19 to expend its allocation on other technology-related issues outside the restrictions of Proviso 1A.76. However, eight school districts responded to the survey by indicating that they had received waivers from the K-12 Technology Committee and documented how they had spent their allocation. These eight districts reported spending \$1.7 million or 12.6 percent of all expenditures for other technology-related issues. For comparison purposes, the EOC documented that in the prior fiscal year, 2017-18, districts spent 22 percent of available funds on other non-

approved expenditures as reported by 12 school districts who did not receive waivers from the K-12 School Technology Initiative Committee.

Of the funds to be carried forward from Fiscal Year 2018-19 to Fiscal Year 2019-20, districts reported that they will carry forward \$2.4 million and expend these funds accordingly:

- 31 percent on improving internal connections;
- 63 percent on expanding and developing 1:1 computing initiatives through the replacement of existing devices and the purchasing of new devices;
- 2 percent on improving external connections; and
- 4 percent on other expenditures.

Summary of K-12 Technology Initiative Funds, Fiscal Year 2018-19

Available Funds:	\$	%
Funds Carried Forward from FY2017-18	\$3,968,914	25.4 of Total Available
FY 2018-19 Allocations	<u>\$11,632,518</u>	<u>74.6 of Total Available</u>
Total Available Funds:	\$15,601,432*	
Expenditures:		
Improve External Connections	\$356,215	2.7 of Expenditures
Improve Internal Connections	\$3,717,452	28.1 of Expenditures
Refresh/Replace Existing 1:1 Devices	\$3,189,462	24.1 of Expenditures
Purchase new 1:1 Devices	\$4,207,625	31.8 of Expenditures
Approved Waivers (none for 2018-19)	\$0	0 of Expenditures
Other Non-Approved Purposes	<u>\$1,674,455</u>	<u>12.6 of Expenditures</u>
Total Expenditures:	\$13,145,209*	84.3 of Total Available
Funds to be Carried Forward to FY2018-19:	\$2,363,678*	15.2 of Total Available

* The total is \$92,545 less than total available revenues due to incomplete data provided by districts.

Regarding the E-rate program, 81 of 82 districts reported filing for E-rate reimbursements. One district reported that they do not file for E-rate reimbursements, and for the Erskine Institute, filing for E-rate reimbursements was a school decision, and was not universal in the district. Of these 81 districts, 62 indicated that they used an outside vendor/consultant to assist in filing E-rate reimbursements. Among districts that reported using an outside vendor/consultant to assist in filing E-rate reimbursements, 58 percent indicated that 5% or less of these funds went to an outside vendor/consultant, and 92 percent of districts indicate that 10% or less of E-rate funds went to an outside vendor/consultant.

Authority

Since Fiscal Year 2014-15 the General Assembly has appropriated to school districts lottery revenues and Education Improvement Act (EIA) revenues of approximately \$112 million to improve technology infrastructure in public schools. (Table 1) These funds, which were initially known as the K-12 Technology Initiative, are in addition to the recurring EIA appropriation of \$12.2 million administered by the K-12 School Technology Initiative Committee to expand connectivity under the federal E-rate program.

Table 1
K-12 Technology Initiative and Aid to Districts - Technology, Funding

Fiscal Year	Total Appropriation	Source of Funds
2014-15	\$29,288,976	Lottery Revenues
2015-16	\$29,288,976	Lottery Revenues
2016-17	\$29,288,976	Lottery Revenues
2017-18	\$12,000,000	EIA Revenues (recurring)
2018-19	\$12,000,000	EIA Revenues (recurring)
TOTAL:	\$111,866,928	

Source: Annual General Appropriation Acts.

Pursuant to Proviso 1A.76. of the 2018-19 General Appropriation Act, the Education Oversight Committee (EOC) is required to provide by June 30, 2019 to the K-12 School Technology Initiative Committee a report detailing how districts expended in Fiscal Year 2018-19 funds appropriated for technology, using a form developed by the EOC. In the report, the EOC must also document how each district's efforts to obtain reimbursements through the E-rate program.

In Fiscal Year 2018-19, the General Assembly appropriated in EIA revenues \$12.0 million to districts for technology. Of this amount, \$350,000 was retained by the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) pursuant to Proviso 1.73. of the 2018-19 General Appropriation Act to "provide technology technical assistance to school districts." Appendix A includes all provisos governing the allocation and expenditure of these funds. Appendix B documents the allocation of these funds in Fiscal Year 2018-19.

Survey Design and Administration

On March 1, 2019 the EOC staff emailed the superintendents and school business/finance officers in all 82 school districts, the Charter Institute at Erskine, the South Carolina School for Deaf and Blind, and the Department of Juvenile Justice an Excel spreadsheet to use in documenting how districts project expending the technology funds in Fiscal Year 2018-19. The use of an Excel spreadsheet was selected by the EOC staff after consultation with school business officers. The same survey instrument was used for the prior fiscal year.

Appendix C is a copy of the email sent to all school districts along with the actual survey questions. The email states that, while the EOC used the annual technology survey administered by SCDE in the prior fiscal year to collect this information, the survey this year was sent directly to the school business/finance officers with suggestions that they work with their technology staff to complete the information requested:

1. Of the current district allocation for Fiscal Year 2018-19 and funds carried forward from the prior fiscal year, Fiscal Year 2017-18, to Fiscal Year 2018-19, what will be the projected total amount of expenditures in Fiscal Year 2018-19 and the total amount of funds projected to be carried forward into Fiscal Year 2019-20?
2. Of the total amount of funds available to spend for technology in Fiscal Year 2018-19, how much does the district project to expend for the following allowable expenses:
 - Improve External Connections
 - Improve Internal Connections
 - Refresh/Replace Existing 1:1 Devices
 - Purchase new 1:1 Devices
3. For any district that received a waiver approved by the K-12 School Technology Initiative Committee, how does the district project to expend the funds for other technology-related expenditures? The choices included:
 - Improve Security
 - Professional Development for Classroom Teachers
 - Professional Development for Other Educators
 - Technical Assistance for district technology staff
 - Other: (Districts could identify up to three Other expenditure)
4. Regarding funds that will be carried forward from Fiscal Year 2018-19 to Fiscal Year 2019-20, how does the district project to spend these funds? Districts could select from the following options:
 - Improve External Connections
 - Improve Internal Connections
 - Refresh/Replace Existing 1:1 devices
 - Purchase new 1:1 Devices
5. Regarding the E-rate program, districts were asked to respond to the following questions:
 - Does your district use an outside vendor/consultant to assist in filing E-rate reimbursements?
 - If Yes, what percent of the E-rate reimbursements does the vendor/consultant collect?
 - Does your district file for Category One or Category Two funding under E-rate?
 - If No, what is the primary reason why your district does not file for Category One or Category Two funding under E-rate?

Districts had until March 30, 2019 to complete the survey. Districts were reminded of the date of submission again on March 20, 2019. When districts failed to meet the March 30 deadline, EOC staff made telephone calls and emails to these districts.

Results

By April 12, 2019, all 82 school districts, the Charter Institute at Erskine, the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind, and the Department of Juvenile Justice had completed the survey.

Available Funds and Expenditures in Fiscal Year 2018-19

In Fiscal Year 2018-19 school districts reported having a total of \$15.6 million to expend for technology. Of this amount, approximately 75 percent was from current year allocations of EIA funds for technology and the remainder from unexpended funds from the program that were carried forward from Fiscal Year 2017-18 into Fiscal Year 2018-19. (Table 2) The percentage of total available funds for 2018-19 that were carried forward from 2017-18 (25 percent) is substantially smaller than the percentage of funds available for 2017-18 that were carried forward from 2016-17 (47 percent) to Fiscal Year 2017-18.¹

Table 2
Fiscal Year 2018-19 K-12 Technology Initiative
Available Funds

	Total FY2018-19	Percent of Available Funds
Funds Carried Forward from FY2017-18	\$3,968,914	25.4
FY 2018-19 Allocations	<u>\$11,632,518</u>	<u>74.6</u>
Total Available Funds	\$15,601,432	100.0

¹ South Carolina Education Oversight Committee. *K-12 Technology Initiative – Report on Fiscal Year 2017-18*. June 11, 2018. <https://eoc.sc.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/Technology/K-12%20Technology%20Intiative%20Report.pdf>

Of the \$15.6 million in available funds for technology, districts reported that they will expend \$13.1 million in the current fiscal year. Of this amount, \$11.5 million was for expenditures that were expressly allowed by Proviso 1A.76. and \$1.7 million for other technology expenditures that were not authorized by Proviso 1A.76. In addition, districts reported that they will carry forward \$2.4 million in unexpended funds from the program into the subsequent fiscal year. (Table 3) The total amount in expenditures and carry forward funds was \$92,545 less than total available funds. Nine (9) school districts indicated that their carry forwards from the current fiscal year to Fiscal Year 2019-20 exceeded their total available funds for Fiscal Year 2018-19. The amount of the discrepancy was \$92,545 and was excluded from Table 3.

Table 3
Fiscal Year 2018-19 K-12 Technology Initiative
Expenditure and Carry Forward of Funds

	Total FY2018-19	Percent of Available Funds
Allowable by Proviso 1A.76	\$11,470,754	73.5
Other Technology Uses	\$1,674,455	10.7
Carry-Forward to FY2019-20	<u>\$2,363,678</u>	15.2
Total	\$15,508,877*	99.5

* The total is \$92,545 less than total available revenues due to incomplete data provided by districts.

Of the \$11.5 million expended for technology as expressly delineated by Proviso 1A.76 to improve internal and external connections and to develop or expand one-to-one computing, districts reported spending the funds accordingly: (Table 4)

- 56 percent on expanding and developing 1:1 through the replacement of existing devices and the purchasing of new devices;
- 28 percent on improving internal connections; and
- 3 percent on improving external connections.

As noted in Table 4, compared to Fiscal Year 2017-18, districts spent 6.2 percent more to improve internal connections. Regarding the purchase of devices, districts spent 6.0 percent less to refresh or replace devices but 7.8 percent more to purchase devices for 1:1 computing.²

²Ibid.

Table 4
Fiscal Year 2018-19 Funds Spent in Allowable Areas

	Total FY2018-19	Percent of Total Expenditures in FY 2018-19	Percent of Total Expenditures from FY2017-18 Report
Improve External Connections	\$356,215	2.7	1.9
Improve Internal Connections	\$3,717,452	28.1	21.9
Refresh/Replace Existing 1:1 Devices	\$3,189,462	24.1	30.1
Purchase new 1:1 Devices	<u>\$4,207,625</u>	<u>31.8</u>	<u>24.0</u>
TOTAL:	\$11,470,754	86.6	77.9

As of May 1, 2019, no school district had requested a waiver from the K-12 Technology Committee for Fiscal Year 2018-19 to expend its allocation on other technology-related issues outside the restrictions of Proviso 1A.76. However, eight school districts responded to the survey by indicating that they had received waivers from the K-12 Technology Committee and documented how they had spent their allocation. These eight districts reported spending \$1,674,455 or 12.7 percent of all expenditures for other technology-related issues. (Table 5) These eight districts (Charleston, Clarendon 1, Horry, Laurens 56, Lee, Lexington 1, Spartanburg 7, and Sumter) responded to the following survey question:

For any district that received a waiver approved by the K-12 Technology Initiative Committee, how did the district project to expend the funds for other technology-related expenditures? The choices included:

- Improve Security
- Professional Development for Classroom Teachers
- Professional Development for Other Educators
- Technical Assistance for district technology staff
- Other: (Districts could identify up to three Other expenditure)

Table 5
Fiscal Year 2018-19 Funds Spent in Other Areas *without* Waivers Approved

	Total	Percent of Total Expenditures in 2018-19
Improve Security	\$3,567	Less than 0.1
Professional Development for Classroom Teachers	\$0	0.0
Professional Development for Other Educators	\$0	0.0
Technical Assistance for District Technology Staff	\$31,242	0.2
<i>Other</i>	<u>\$1,639,646</u>	<u>12.5</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,674,455	12.7

These districts reported spending for *Other* purposes not allowed by Proviso 1A.76. and not permitted under the program guidelines published in the *2018-2019 Funding Manual*:

Guidelines

Funds may only be used for the following purposes: (1) To improve external connections to schools, with a goal of reaching at least 100 kilobits per second, per student in each school by 2019; (2) To improve internal connections within schools, with a goal of reaching at least 1 megabit per second, per student in each school by 2019; (3) To develop or expand one-to-one computing initiatives; or (4) with *prior permission of the K-12 Technology Initiative Committee, and if the district has completed items (1) - (3), other technology-related uses.

Note: SCDE approval of a district's technology plan is not permission to expend these funds as listed in item (4). An application to the K-12 Technology Initiative is required.

* An approval letter from the K-12 School Technology Committee.³

The Guidelines also provide steps to be used in requesting permission to utilize funds for “other technology-related uses.”

³ 2019-2019 Funding Manual. South Carolina Department of Education. Page <https://www.ed.sc.gov/finance/financial-services/manual-handbooks-and-guidelines/funding-manuals/fy-2018-2019-funding-manual/>

Districts were asked to identify up to three *Other* expenditures. These eight districts noted spending the \$1.7 million for the following:

- Charter School Payments;
- Develop/Enhance Distance Learning;
- Develop Digital Curriculum for 1:1
- Improve Server Environment;
- E-rate Reimbursement;
- RFID Tag Project for 1:1 devices
- Security software or e-learning educational programs including OnHand, Explore Learning, iStation, EdBlox, and School Check In.

For comparison purposes, the EOC documented that between 7 and 25 percent of total expenditures in Fiscal Year 2016-17 were for uses that were not approved by the K-12 Technology Committee.⁴ And, 22 percent of total expenditures in 2017-18 were for uses that were not approved by the K-12 Technology Committee.⁵

Carry forwards from Fiscal Year 2018-19 to Fiscal Year 2019-20

Table 6 presents a summary of how districts intend to spend funds carried forward from Fiscal Year 2018-19 to Fiscal Year 2019-20. Of the \$2.3 million projected to be carried forward, districts indicate they intend to expend these funds accordingly:

- 31 percent on improving internal connections;
- 63 percent on refreshing, replacing or purchasing new devices for one-to-one computing;
- 2 percent on external connections; and
- 4 percent on other expenses.

⁴ South Carolina Education Oversight Committee. *K-12 Technology Initiative – Report on Fiscal Year 2016-17*. October 9, 2017. <https://www.eoc.sc.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/K-12%20Technology%20Initiative%2C%202016-17-E.pdf>.

⁵ South Carolina Education Oversight Committee. *K-12 Technology Initiative – Report on Fiscal Year 2017-18*. June 11, 2018. <https://eoc.sc.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/Technology/K-12%20Technology%20Initiative%20Report.pdf>.

Table 6
Projected Expenditures for Funds Carried Forward to Fiscal Year 2019-20

	Total	Percent of Carry Forward Funds FY2019-20	Percent of Carry Forward Funds from FY2017-18 Report
Improve External Connections	\$50,874	2.2	4.3
Improve Internal Connections	\$735,116	31.1	61.1
Refresh/Replace Existing 1:1 Devices	\$1,063,875	45.0	12.6
Purchase new 1:1 Devices	\$413,812	17.5	20.3
Other	<u>\$100,000</u>	4.2	1.8
TOTAL *:	\$2,363,678		

Table 7 summarizes the allocation and expenditures of K-12 Technology Initiative Funds for Fiscal Year 2018-19.

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E-Rate Program

Regarding the E-rate program, sixty-two of 82 districts (76 percent) indicated that they used an outside vendor/consultant to assist in filing E-rate reimbursements. Table 8 documents the percent of the E-rate reimbursements these districts pay an outside vendor/consultant. Among districts that reported using the E-rate program, 58 percent indicated that 5 percent or less of these funds went to an outside vendor/consultant, and 92 percent of districts indicate that 10 percent or less of E-rate funds go to an outside vendor/consultant. The four questions asked regarding E-rate funding were:

- Does your district use an outside vendor/consultant to assist in filing E-rate reimbursements?
- If Yes, what percent of the E-rate reimbursements does the vendor/consultant collect?
- Does your district file for Category One or Category Two funding under E-rate?
- If No, what is the primary reason why your district does not file for Category One or Category Two funding under E-rate?

Table 8
Percentage of E-rate Reimbursements Paid to an Outside Vendor/Consultant

Percentage of E-rate Funds	Number (Percent) of Districts
11 – 15%	5 (8%)
6 – 10%	21 (34%)
0 – 5%	36 (58%)

Eighty-one (81) districts, including the Department of Juvenile Justice, and the School for the Deaf & Blind all indicated that they filed for Category One or Category Two funding under the E-rate program. The Charter Institute at Erskine did not provide E-rate information because each of its schools makes its own decision regarding E-rate funding, consequently, no single answer is correct for the Erskine Institute schools.

Only Bamberg 2 reported that the district did not apply for Category One or Category Two funding under E-rate. The reason cited for not applying for these funds was:

- We have not applied for E-Rate because of the amount of tedious paper work and time involved.

Appendix A
2018-19 General Appropriation Act
Provisos Related to K-12 Technology Initiative

1.73. (SDE: Technology Technical Assistance) Of the funds appropriated for the K-12 Technology Initiative, the department is authorized to withhold up to \$350,000 in order to provide technology technical assistance to school districts.

1A.76. (SDE-EIA: Aid to Districts-Technology) Funds appropriated to the Department of Education for Aid to Districts - Technology shall be distributed to the public school districts of the state, the special schools of the state and the South Carolina Public Charter School District, per pupil, based on the previous year's one hundred thirty-five day average daily membership, according to the below calculations: (1) For a school district with a poverty index of less than 75: \$35 per ADM; (2) For a school district with a poverty index of at least 75 but no more than 85: \$50 per ADM; or (3) For a school district with a poverty index of greater than 85 or a special school with no defined poverty index: \$70 per ADM. Poverty will be defined as determined for the poverty add on weight in Proviso 1.3 of this Act.

The Department of Education may adjust the per-ADM rates for each of the three classes defined above in order to conform to actual levels of student attendance and available appropriations, provided that the per-ADM rate for each class is adjusted by the same percentage.

Funds distributed to a school district may only be used for the following purposes: (1) To improve external connections to schools, with a goal of reaching at least 100 kilobits per second, per student in each school by 2017; (2) To improve internal connections within schools, with a goal of reaching at least 1 megabit per second, per student in each school by 2017; or (3) To develop or expand one-to-one computing initiatives.

A school district that has achieved each of the above goals may submit a plan to the K-12 Technology Committee for permission to expend its allocation on other technology-related uses; such permission shall not be unreasonably withheld and the K-12 Technology Committee must permit districts to appeal any process should a district not receive approval and must provide technical assistance to districts in developing plans should the district request such.

Funds appropriated may not be used to supplant existing school district expenditures on technology. By June 30, 2019, each school district that receives funding during Fiscal Year 2018-19 must provide the K-12 Technology Committee with an itemized report on the amounts and uses of these funds, using a form developed by the Education Oversight Committee. In this report, a school district must provide information on its efforts to obtain reimbursements through the "E-Rate" Schools and Libraries Program administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company. Within its available resources, the K-12 Technology Committee shall support school districts' efforts to obtain these reimbursements.

Appendix B

Allocation of K-12 Technology Initiative Funds, Fiscal Year 2018-19 Subfund 307, Revenue Code 3507

District	Allocation
Abbeville	\$41,250.83
Aiken	\$338,181.65
Allendale	\$31,231.69
Anderson 1	\$138,514.65
Anderson 2	\$51,754.42
Anderson 3	\$35,091.30
Anderson 4	\$39,523.41
Anderson 5	\$179,847.85
Bamberg 1	\$26,643.09
Bamberg 2	\$18,098.83
Barnwell 19	\$16,754.16
Barnwell 29	\$17,700.72
Barnwell 45	\$42,733.67
Beaufort	\$300,311.67
Berkeley	\$475,521.06
Calhoun	\$33,777.10
Charleston	\$655,291.79
Cherokee	\$120,705.40
Chester	\$102,848.11
Chesterfield	\$97,774.67
Clarendon 1	\$20,306.43
Clarendon 2	\$79,220.94
Clarendon 3	\$17,221.27
Colleton	\$110,140.38
Darlington	\$196,455.81
Dillon 3	\$22,358.10
Dillon 4	\$114,725.81
Dorchester 2	\$361,884.14
Dorchester 4	\$32,208.52
Edgefield	\$47,781.76
Fairfield	\$70,958.33
Florence 1	\$225,800.78
Florence 2	\$15,858.84
Florence 3	\$95,522.04
Florence 4	\$18,300.21

District	Allocation
Florence 5	\$16,866.64
Georgetown	\$128,718.47
Greenville	\$1,043,656.52
Greenwood 50	\$123,103.32
Greenwood 51	\$17,924.10
Greenwood 52	\$21,663.04
Hampton 1	\$44,169.12
Hampton 2	\$19,042.71
Horry	\$615,773.50
Jasper	\$70,953.79
Kershaw	\$149,222.18
Lancaster	\$184,873.90
Laurens 55	\$78,019.00
Laurens 56	\$59,153.96
Lee	\$52,760.37
Lexington 1	\$362,319.01
Lexington 2	\$122,178.75
Lexington 3	\$27,546.90
Lexington 4	\$64,748.03
Lexington 5	\$237,524.34
McCormick	\$14,778.09
Marion	\$124,424.55
Marlboro	\$77,441.64
Newberry	\$82,554.78
Oconee	\$142,542.98
Orangeburg 3	\$71,626.97
Orangeburg 4	\$70,913.86
Orangeburg 5	\$177,217.59
Pickens	\$223,028.78
Richland 1	\$463,628.47
Richland 2	\$386,915.10
Saluda	\$31,705.33
Spartanburg 1	\$68,986.49
Spartanburg 2	\$138,527.57
Spartanburg 3	\$39,328.98
Spartanburg 4	\$37,869.98
Spartanburg 5	\$117,047.17
Spartanburg 6	\$155,843.57
Spartanburg 7	\$101,175.55

District	Allocation
Sumter	\$228,325.95
Union	\$78,474.14
Williamsburg	\$106,169.22
York 1	\$71,074.36
York 2	\$106,438.92
York 3	\$242,664.01
York 4	\$211,637.26
SC Public Charter	\$291,693.01
Erskine Institute	<u>\$118,153.82</u>
TOTAL:	\$11,612,705.22
Wil Lou Gray	\$0.00
Deaf & Blind	\$6,097.90
DJJ	\$13,714.87
Palmetto Unified	\$10,125.22
Special Total	\$29,937.99
State Expenses	\$350,000.00
Grand Total:	\$11,992,643.21

Source:

Monthly Payments to School Districts. SC Department of Education. Accessed on May 2, 2018.

<https://ed.sc.gov/finance/financial-services/payment-information/monthly-payments-to-districts/>

Appendix C



March 1, 2019

Dear Superintendents and District Finance/Business Officers:

Pursuant to Proviso 1A.76 of the 2018-19 General Appropriation Act, the Education Oversight Committee (EOC) is required to collect information on how school districts expended funds appropriated for the K-12 Technology Initiative in the current fiscal year. The EOC is required to submit the information to the K-12 Technology Committee.

Like last year, the EOC is sending a survey to each district, specifically to the district finance/business officer. The EOC believes that the district finance/business officer, working with the district's technology officer, will be able to document the information with much greater ease. The format of the survey has not changed; however, please be advised that, to date, no school district has submitted a waiver to the K-12 Technology Committee.

The K-12 Technology Initiative Fund Survey is the attached Excel document. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Dr. Kevin Andrews (kandrews@eoc.sc.gov). Districts have until **April 1, 2019** to complete the survey.

Sincerely,

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In Fiscal Year 2018-19 the General Assembly appropriated approximately \$11.6 million in EIA revenues to school districts and special schools for the K-12 Technology Initiative. The proviso governing the program, Proviso 1A.76, requires that districts provide an itemized report on the amounts and uses of these funds on a form developed by the Education Oversight Committee (EOC). The objective of this survey is to collect data that will be submitted to the K-12 Technology Committee and then to the General Assembly. Click the tab "6) Appropriation Act" to read Proviso 1A.76.

In collaboration with your district's technology officer or with other appropriate staff in your district, please document how the funds carried forward from the prior year and funds allocated in the current fiscal year, FY 2018-19, have been or are estimated to be expended by answering the survey questions.

Please complete and respond by April 30, 2018

There are 6 "tabs" to this survey:

- 1) Directions (this tab)
- 2) Technology Funds Questions for FY 2018-19
- 3) Carry Forward Questions for FY 2018-19
- 4) E-Rate Questions
- 5) Print your Results (optional - you will have a saved copy of this completed spreadsheet)
- 6) Appropriation Act (Reference Material)

When you have completed the survey, please:

- 1) Save this excel document with your school district name.
- 2) E-mail it as an attachment to: kandrews@eoc.sc.gov with the subject "Technology"

Note: For help completing this survey call Kevin Andrews at 803-734-9925

1) Please select your district by clicking on the green box, a "pull-down arrow" will appear at right. Use it to select your district.			
2) Please fill in all yellow boxes. Blue boxes will update automatically (a default value of \$0 appears).			
3) Be sure to scroll to the right to complete Projected Expenditures by Area.			
4) Scroll down to see a green box, which will turn white when your total expenditures by area match your Total Projected Expenditures for FY2018-19			
		Projections for FY2018-19 Expenses by Area:	
What is your District?	AAA - Select District Using Arrow at Right		
		Allowable Expenses Per Proviso	Expenditures in FY 2018-19
Person Completing Survey:		Improve External Connections	\$1
Name:		Improve Internal Connections	\$0
Title:		Develop/Expand 1:1	
Email:		Refresh/Replace existing 1:1 devices	\$0
		Purchase new 1:1 devices	\$0
Please Enter your Carry Forward of K-12 Technology Initiative Funds from FY 2017-18:			
Current Allocation (Revenue Code 3507, Subfund 307)	\$0		
		Expenditures per Waiver Approved by K-12 Technology Initiative Committee:	Expenditures in FY 2018-19
Total Available Funds for FY 2018-19:	\$0	Improve Security	\$0
		Professional Development for Classroom Teachers	\$0
What are your Total Projected Expenditures in 2018-19:		Professional Development for Other Educators	\$0
		Technical Assistance for District Technology Staff	\$0
Projected Carry Forward into FY 2018-19:	\$0	Other 1: Describe Other 1 here (overwrite text)	\$0
		Other 2: Describe Other 2 here	\$0
		Other 3: Describe Other 3 here	\$0
You have not provided Projected Expenditures by Area, please scroll to the right to enter them	-\$1	Totals by Area:	\$1
Either you have not entered Total Projected Expenditures, or it does not match the Total Expenditures by Area			

Please provide how your district projects to expend K-12 Technology Initiative funds carried forward from the current fiscal year, FY 2018-19, to the next fiscal year, FY 2018-19.

Allowable Expenses Per Proviso		Carry Forward to FY2018-19
Improve External Connections		\$0
Improve Internal Connections		\$0
Develop/Expand 1:1		
Refresh/Replace existing 1:1 devices		\$0
Purchase new 1:1 devices		\$0
Other 1:	Describe Other 1 here (overwrite text)	\$0
Other 2:	Describe Other 2 here	\$0
Other 3:	Describe Other 3 here	\$0
	Totals by Area:	\$0

Question	Please provide responses to questions 1-3 using the drop-down menus at right, and respond to question 4 (if necessary) by filling in your response.	
1.	Does your district use an outside vendor/consultant to assist in filing E-Rate reimbursements?	Select Yes/No Here >>
2.	If "Yes", what percent of the E-Rate reimbursements does the vendor/consultant collect?	Select Percentage Here >>
	Please answer the following questions regarding Category One and Category Two funding:	
	Category One = Data transmission services and Internet access	
	Category Two = Internal connections, managed internal broadband services, basic maintenance of internal connections	
3.	Does Your district file for Category One or Category Two funding under E-Rate?	Select Yes/No Here >>
4.	If "No", what is the primary reason why your district does not file for Category One or Category Two funding under E-Rate?	
	Please overwrite this text to explain your "No" response. Don't worry about any text alignment or highlighting (256 characters max).	

Tab	Data Element	Value
2) Technology Funds	District	AAA - Select District Using Arrow at Right
	Person	0
	Title	0
	Email	0
	Carry Forward from FY2017-18	0
	Automatically Inserted: Allocation	0
	Computed: Available	0
	Total Projected Expenditures	0
	Computed: Carry_1718	0
	Improve External Connections	1
	Improve Internal Connections	0
	Refresh/Replace 1:1	0
	Purchase new 1:1 devices	0
	Improve Security	0
	Professional Development for Classroom Teachers	0
	Professional Development for Other Educators	0
	Technical Assistance for District Technology Staff	0
	Expend_Other1	0
	Expend_Other2	0
	Expend_Other3	0
	Expend_Total_by_Area	1
	Text_Other1	Describe Other 1 here (overwrite text)
	Text_Other2	Describe Other 2 here
Text_Other3	Describe Other 3 here	
3) Carry Forward	Carry Forward: Improve External Connections	0
	Carry Forward: Improve Internal Connections	0
	Carry Forward: Refresh/Replace 1:1 Devices	0
	Carry Forward: Purchase new 1:1 Devices	0
	Carry Forward: Other 1	0
	Carry Forward: Other 2	0
	Carry Forward: Other 3	0
	Carry Forward: Total by Area	0

Tab	Data Element	Value
4) E-Rate	Do You use an Outside Vendor for E-Rate?	Select Yes/No Here >>
	Percentage of E-Rate Reimbursements to Outside Vendor	Select Percentage Here >>
	Do you use Category One and Two Funding?	Select Yes/No Here >>
	Reason, if No	Please overwrite this text to explain your "No" response. Don't worry about any text alignment or highlighting (256 characters max).

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions, please contact the Education Oversight Committee (EOC) staff for additional information. The phone number is 803.734.6148. Also, please visit the EOC website at www.eoc.sc.gov for additional resources.

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