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Aid to Districts Technology

Report on Fiscal Year 2017–18

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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.84. of the 2017-18 General Appropriation Act. The K-12 School Technology Initiative Committee was created by proviso in 1996 to administer Education Improvement Act (EIA) funds appropriated by the General Assembly for technology. In Fiscal Year 2017-18 the appropriation was $12,271,826. Since its inception, the Committee has focused its efforts on expanding connectivity in schools and libraries by using the EIA appropriation to match federal E-rate monies.

The federal E-rate program, otherwise known as the Schools and Libraries Program, provides discounts to assist eligible schools and libraries to obtain affordable internet access and thereby supports connectivity. The discounts range from 20 to 90 percent of the costs of eligible services, depending on the poverty level and urban/rural status of the school district. The K-12 School Technology Initiative Committee Technology oversees the filing of South Carolina E-Rate Consortium applications and other required documentation, for internet and network services, on behalf of the participating schools and libraries. The South Carolina E-Rate Consortium is made up of 83 special schools and school districts, 45 charter schools, and 40 library systems. The South Carolina E-Rate Consortium leveraged E-rate funds to increase internet capacity at school districts and charter schools by 14 percent and 16 percent, respectively, between Fiscal Year 2016-17 and Fiscal Year 2017-18.

This report documents how an additional $12 million in EIA funds, appropriated by the General Assembly directly to school districts for technology, were expended in Fiscal Year 2017-18. These funds, previously known as the K-12 Technology Initiative, are 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.

Executive Summary

The EOC staff surveyed school districts between March 20, 2018 and April 30, 2018.

All 82 school districts, including the South Carolina Public School Charter District, responded to the K-12 Technology Initiative survey. The self-reported responses were analyzed by the EOC staff and documented as reported by the districts.

In Fiscal Year 2017-18, 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 2017-18 General Appropriation Act to "provide technology technical assistance to school districts." Approximately $11.6 was allocated to 82 school districts and $44,765 to special schools including the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School, the SC School for the Deaf and Blind, the Department of Juvenile Justice and Palmetto Unified School District.

In Fiscal Year 2017-18 school districts reported having $22.0 million in funds for technology - $11.6 million in EIA funds allocated during the current fiscal year and $10.4 million in funds carried forward from the prior fiscal year, 2016-17, to the current fiscal year, 2017-18.

Of these available funds, school districts reported that they will expend 81% or $17.8 million and will carry forward 19% or $4.2 million into Fiscal Year 2018-19.

Of the funds to be expended in Fiscal Year 2017-18, districts reported that they will spend $17.8 million accordingly:

- 54 percent on expanding and developing 1:1 computing initiatives through the replacement of existing devices and the purchasing of new devices;
- 22 percent on improving internal connections;
- 22 percent on other non-approved expenditures as reported by 12 school districts who did not receive waivers from the K-12 School Technology Initiative Committee;
- 2 percent spent on improving external connections; and
- Less than 1 percent on approved waivers.

Of the funds to be carried forward to Fiscal Year 2018-19, districts reported that they will carry forward $4.2 million and expend these funds accordingly:

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

Regarding the E-rate program, 77 districts reported filing for E-rate reimbursements. Three districts reported that they do not file for E-Rate reimbursements while two districts did not respond to the question. Of these 77 districts, 61 indicated that they used an outside vendor/consultant to assist in filing E-rate reimbursements. Among districts who reported using an outside vendor/consultant to assist in filing E-rate reimbursements, 62 percent indicated that 5% or less of these funds went to an outside vendor/consultant, and 91 percent of districts indicate that 10% or less of E-rate funds went to an outside vendor/consultant. Only one district reported more than 20% 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 $100 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)
TOTAL:	**$99,866,928**	

Source: Annual General Appropriation Acts.

Pursuant to Proviso 1A.84. of the 2017-18 General Appropriation Act, the Education Oversight Committee (EOC) is required to provide by June 30, 2018 to the K-12 School Technology Initiative Committee a report detailing how districts expended in Fiscal Year 2017-18 funds appropriated for technology, using a form developed by the EOC. In this report, each district must also provide information on its efforts to obtain reimbursements through the E-rate program. In Fiscal Year 2017-18, 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 2017-18 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 2017-18.

Survey Design and Administration

On March 20, 2018 the EOC staff emailed the superintendents and school business/finance officers in all 82 school districts an Excel document to use in documenting how districts project expending the technology funds in Fiscal Year 2017-18. The use of an Excel document was selected by the EOC staff after consultation with school business officers. It should be noted that special schools were not included in the survey.

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 2017-18 and funds carried forward from the prior fiscal year, Fiscal Year 2016-17, to Fiscal Year 2017-18, what will be the projected total amount of expenditures in Fiscal Year 2017-18 and the total amount of funds projected to be carried forward into Fiscal Year 2018-19?

2. Of the total amount of funds available to spend for technology in Fiscal Year 2017-18, 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 2017-18 to Fiscal Year 2018-19, 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 April 30, 2018 to complete the survey. Districts were reminded of the date of submission again on April 24, 2018. When districts failed to meet the April 30 deadline, EOC staff made telephone calls and emails to these districts.

Results

By May 4, 2018, all 82 school districts, including the South Carolina Public Charter School District, had completed the survey.

Expenditures in Fiscal Year 2017-18

In Fiscal Year 2017-18 school districts reported having a total of $22 million to expend for technology. Of this amount, approximately 53 percent was from current year allocations and the remainder from funds carried forward from Fiscal Year 2016-17 into Fiscal Year 2017-18. (Table 2) This carry forward amount is consistent with information provided by school districts in the prior fiscal year.[1]

Table 2
Fiscal Year 2017-18 K-12 Technology Initiative
Available Funds, Expenditures, and Carry Forwards

	Total	Percent of Available Funds
Funds Carried Forward from FY2016-17	$10,444,276	47.4
FY 2017-18 Allocations	$11,598,498	52.6
Total Available Funds	$22,042,774	100.0
Expenditures in FY2017-18	$17,822,814	80.9
Funds to be Carried Forward to FY2018-19	$4,219,961	19.1

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding. District responses were rounded up to the nearest whole dollar.

Districts reported that they will expend $17.8 million or 81 percent of all available funds in the current fiscal year and will carry forward into Fiscal Year 2018-19 approximately $4.2 million, or 19 percent, of all available funds. As compared to the prior fiscal year, when carry forwards of $5.4 million represented 16 percent of Fiscal Year 2016-17 total available funds to school districts of $34.5 million, in this fiscal year, 2017-18, carry forwards of $4.2 million represented 47 percent of the Fiscal Year 2017-18 total available funds to school districts.[2] In addition, twenty-one (21) school districts indicated that their

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[1] South Carolina Education Oversight Committee. *K-12 Technology Initiative – Report on Fiscal Year 2016-17.* October 9, 2017. http://www.eoc.sc.gov/Reports%20%20Publications/K-12%20Technology%20Report.October%202017/K-12%20Technology%20Initiative,%202016-17-E.pdf.

[2]Ibid.

carry forward to Fiscal Year 2018-19 represented their entire allocation for Fiscal Year 2017-18

Of the $17.8 million expended in Fiscal Year 2017-18 for technology, approximately 78 percent was expended for purposes expressly delineated in Proviso 1A.84.: to improve internal connections; to improve external connections; and to develop or expand one-to-one computing initiatives. (Table 3) These expenditure patterns are comparable to the prior year's expenditures.[3]

- 54 percent on expanding and developing 1:1 through the replacement of existing devices and the purchasing of new devices;
- 22 percent on improving internal connections; and
- 2 percent on improving external connections.

Table 3
Fiscal Year 2017-18 Funds Spent in Allowable Areas

	Total	Percent of Total Expenditures in FY 2017-18
Improve External Connections	$346,581	1.9
Improve Internal Connections	$3,901,846	21.9
Refresh/Replace Existing 1:1 Devices	$5,357,124	30.1
Purchase new 1:1 Devices	$4,272,508	24.0
TOTAL:	**$13,878,060**	**77.9**

Two school districts, Richland 2 and York 1, received waivers from the K-12 School Technology Initiative Committee that allowed the districts to spend their district allocations "on other technology-related uses in other areas". Of these two districts, only York 1 responded to the following 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)

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[3]Ibid.

York 1 reported spending its technology funds, $47,333, for other technology-related uses that were identified as the purchase of interactive panels and mobile device management software.

Twelve districts did not receive waivers from the K-12 School Technology Initiative Committee but responded to the above question. (Table 4)

Table 4
Fiscal Year 2017-18 Funds Spent in Other Areas *without* Waivers Approved

	Total	Percent of Total Expenditures in 2017-18
Improve Security	$137,768	0.8
Professional Development for Classroom Teachers	$188,271	1.1
Professional Development for Other Educators	$7,675	0.0
Technical Assistance for District Technology Staff	$52,345	0.3
Other	$3,511,358	19.7
TOTAL:	**$3,897,417**	**21.9**

These districts reported spending $3.9 million of their technology funds for *Other* purposes not governed by Proviso 1A.84. and not permitted under the program guidelines published in the *2017-2018 Funding Manual*:

> 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 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; (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.[4]

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[4] South Carolina Department of Education. 2017-2018 Funding Manual. Pages 18-19.
https://ed.sc.gov/finance/financial-services/manual-handbooks-and-guidelines/funding-manuals/fy-2017-2018-funding-manual/

Districts were asked to identify up to three *Other* expenditures. These twelve districts noted spending the $3.5 million for the following:

- Classroom equipment;
- Payments to charter schools;
- Digital content;
- Digital instructional materials;
- Computer tables;
- Interactive boards;
- Server and storage hardware;
- Kajeet Wireless Hotspots;
- License for specific online learning tools (Istation, DreamBox, Apex Learning); and
- Computer lab modifications.

For comparison purposes, the EOC documented that between 7 and 25 percent of total expenditures in Fiscal Year 2016-17 were for other technology uses that were not approved by the K-12 Technology Committee.[5]

Carry forwards from Fiscal Year 2017-18 to Fiscal Year 2018-19

Table 5 presents a summary of how districts intend to spend funds carried forward from Fiscal Year 2017-18 to Fiscal Year 2018-19. Of the $4.2 million projected to be carried forward, districts will expend these funds accordingly:

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

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[5] South Carolina Education Oversight Committee. *K-12 Technology Initiative – Report on Fiscal Year 2016-17.* October 9, 2017. http://www.eoc.sc.gov/Reports%20%20Publications/K-12%20Technology%20Report.October%202017/K-12%20Technology%20Initiative,%202016-17-E.pdf.

Table 5
Projected Expenditures for Funds Carried Forward to Fiscal Year 2018-19

	Total	Percent of Carry Forward Funds
Improve External Connections	$182,229	4.3
Improve Internal Connections	$2,578,688	61.1
Refresh/Replace Existing 1:1 Devices	$533,807	12.6
Purchase new 1:1 Devices	$857,147	20.3
Other	$68,107	1.8
TOTAL *:	**$4,219,977**	

* For one district, the total amount of projected carry forward expenditures exceeded by $16 the itemized list of projected expenditures for these funds.

Table 6 summarizes the K-12 Technology Initiative Funds for Fiscal Year 2017-18.

Table 6
Summary of K-12 Technology Initiative Funds, Fiscal Year 2017-18

Available Funds:	$	%
Funds Carried Forward from FY2016-17	$10,444,276	47.4%
FY 2017-18 Allocations	$11,598,498	52.6%
Total Available Funds:	**$22,042,774**	
Expenditures:		*80.9%*
Improve External Connections	$346,581	1.9%
Improve Internal Connections	$3,901,846	21.9%
Refresh/Replace Existing 1:1 Devices	$5,357,124	30.1%
Purchase new 1:1 Devices	$4,272,508	24.0%
Approved Waivers	$47,333	0.3%
Other Non-Approved Purposes	$3,897,416	21.9%
Total Expenditures:	**$17,822,814**	
Funds to be Carried Forward to FY2018-19:	**$4,219,961**	*19.1%*

* Note: Totals and percentages may not add due to rounding. District responses were rounded up to the nearest whole dollar.

E-Rate Program

Regarding the E-rate program, sixty-one of 82 districts (74 percent) indicated that they used an outside vendor/consultant to assist in filing E-rate reimbursements. Table 7 documents the percent of the E-rate reimbursements these districts pay an outside vendor/consultant. Among districts who reported using the E-rate program, 62 percent indicated that 5% or less of these funds went to an outside vendor/consultant, and 91 percent of districts indicate that 10% or less of e-rate funds go to an outside vendor/consultant. Only one district reported more than 20% of E-rate funds went to an outside vendor/consultant.

- 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 7
Percentage of E-rate Reimbursements Paid to an Outside Vendor/Consu

Percentage of E-rate Funds	Number (Percent) of Districts
21 – 25%	1 (2%)
11 – 15%	4 (7%)
6 – 10%	18 (29%)
0 – 5%	38 (62%)

Seventy-seven (77) districts indicated that they filed for Category One or Category Two funding under the E-rate program. Three districts indicated they do not file for Category One or Category Two funding under E-rate while two districts did not respond to the question. The reasons given by the three districts that did respond were:

1) We did not file recently because we did not have matching funds.
2) It has been much more efficient to operate without concerning ourselves with matching funds and delayed approvals from the E-rate process.
3) We filed for Category 2 funding several years ago for wireless access within our schools and it was funded. We haven't had a need for anything else at this point.

Appendix A

2017-18 General Appropriation Act
Provisos Related to K-12Technology 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.84. (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, 2018, each school district that receives funding during Fiscal Year 2017-18 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 2017-18
Subfund 307, Revenue Code 3507

District	Allocation
Abbeville	$54,537.39
Aiken	$314,141.77
Allendale	$30,058.69
Anderson 1	$125,973.41
Anderson 2	$48,246.97
Anderson 3	$46,791.13
Anderson 4	$36,778.39
Anderson 5	$162,692.55
Bamberg 1	$24,794.61
Bamberg 2	$17,492.27
Barnwell 19	$16,406.85
Barnwell 29	$22,845.58
Barnwell 45	$40,029.64
Beaufort	$273,586.39
Berkeley	$431,155.32
Calhoun	$43,120.59
Charleston	$607,822.79
Cherokee	$160,124.16
Chester	$94,172.00
Chesterfield	$130,427.92
Clarendon 1	$19,374.81
Clarendon 2	$73,237.36
Clarendon 3	$15,578.20
Colleton	$143,529.51
Darlington	$183,543.27
Dillon 3	$29,605.24
Dillon 4	$105,999.26
Dorchester 2	$331,641.76
Dorchester 4	$56,342.87
Edgefield	$62,396.52
Fairfield	$65,695.15
Florence 1	$207,016.42
Florence 2	$20,784.14
Florence 3	$92,162.98
Florence 4	$16,998.87
Florence 5	$23,772.47

District	Allocation
Georgetown	$170,953.12
Greenville	$950,808.20
Greenwood 50	$162,616.55
Greenwood 51	$16,683.41
Greenwood 52	$20,228.70
Hampton 1	$58,706.51
Hampton 2	$18,991.29
Horry	$794,408.88
Jasper	$67,385.67
Kershaw	$137,612.03
Lancaster	$166,883.54
Laurens 55	$104,747.38
Laurens 56	$77,786.49
Lee	$51,266.07
Lexington 1	$325,645.40
Lexington 2	$163,017.19
Lexington 3	$36,454.18
Lexington 4	$82,681.99
Lexington 5	$220,022.99
McCormick	$19,487.83
Marion	$119,725.39
Marlboro	$102,517.23
Newberry	$110,374.79
Oconee	$130,097.30
Orangeburg 3	$68,997.97
Orangeburg 4	$93,507.92
Orangeburg 5	$165,219.31
Pickens	$206,870.18
Richland 1	$423,659.99
Richland 2	$353,854.51
Saluda	$40,959.85
Spartanburg 1	$62,574.80
Spartanburg 2	$126,510.50
Spartanburg 3	$52,313.71
Spartanburg 4	$33,767.79
Spartanburg 5	$103,061.90
Spartanburg 6	$142,656.91
Spartanburg 7	$131,411.57
Sumter	$306,324.71

District	Allocation
Union	$72,335.81
Williamsburg	$103,692.12
York 1	$64,691.88
York 2	$94,347.42
York 3	$224,638.44
York 4	$182,035.31
SC Public Charter	$307,086.29
Subtotal:	**$11,598,498.27**
Wil Lou Gray School	$11,275.38
Deaf & Blind School	$5,226.18
Department of Juvenile Justice	$14,812.08
Palmetto Unified School District	$13,451.71
TOTAL:	**$11,643,263.62**

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 20, 2018

Dear Superintendent and District Finance/Business Officer:

Pursuant to Proviso 1A.84 of the 2017-18 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. The EOC is required to submit the information to the K-12 Technology Committee.

While the EOC last year collected this information through the annual technology survey conducted by the South Carolina Department of Education, the EOC this year 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 K-12 Technology Initiative Fund Survey is the attached Excel document. If you have any questions about the survey itself, please contact me (mbarton@eoc.sc.gov) or Dr. Kevin Andrews (kandrews@eoc.sc.gov). Districts have until April 30, 2018 to complete the survey.

Sincerely,

Melanie D. Barton

Melanie Barton

In Fiscal Year 2017-18 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.84, 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.84.

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 2017-18, 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 2017-18

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

			Projections for FY2017-18 Expenses by Area:		
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 FY2017-18					
			Projections for FY2017-18 Expenses by Area:		
What is your District?	AAA - Select District Using Arrow at Right				
			Allowable Expenses Per Proviso		Expenditures in FY 2017-18
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 2016-17:					
Current Allocation (Revenue Code 3507, Subfund 307)	$0				
			Expenditures per Waiver Approved by K-12 Technology Initiative Committee:		Expenditures in FY 2017-18
Total Available Funds for FY 2017-18:	$0		Improve Security		$0
			Professional Development for Classroom Teachers		$0
What are your Total Projected Expenditures in 2017-18:			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 2017-18, 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 FY2016-17	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).

1A.84. (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, 2018, each school district that receives funding during Fiscal Year 2017-18 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.

The SC Education Oversight Committee is an independent, non-partisan group made up of 18 educators, business persons, and elected leaders. Created in 1998, the committee is dedicated to reporting facts, measuring change, and promoting progress within South Carolina's education system.