

Is there equipment you can do without?

Administration Building

New turf for the high school football fields

Bearfield

Absolutely NOT at Bearfield. We do not have many things that many schools consider "extreme necessities".

We have very old equipment at Bearfield

Freezer

Benton

Smartboards

Curriculum tracker. I never use it.

We are so far behind in technology equipment compared to Paxton Keeley or Mill Creek who have "huge" PTA's budgets that support equipment purchases.

Smart boards

Our school already does without

Styrofoam Plastic silverware

Smart boards

overhead projectors

We have done w/o AC forever

Overhead Projectors

refridgerators

No, we only have smart boards in a few rooms and there should be one in every classroom. Some schools have lap tops for students and we do not. There are schools that have wealthier PTA's that buy equipment. There are the haves and the have nots.

Benton, Blue Ridge, Douglass, Field, Grant, Hickman, Jefferson Jr., Lange, Oakland,

Two \$250, 000 football stadiums.

Benton, Blue Ridge, West Blvd.

Equipment would seem to be an area that could be taken away from for a period of time without serious consequence.

Benton, Ridgeway, Rock Bridge Elementary

TV/VCR

Blue Ridge

As much as I hate to say it, the proposed laptops for teachers are an area that could be cut.

I purchase extras for the Health Office (pain relievers for staff, who actually expect them to be available, peroxide, hand lotion, salt for gargling) and have nothing extra--I even get asked about how many tissues the Health Office uses if the need exceeds the supply. Nothing gets wasted.

Air Conditioning

new equipment

Blue Ridge, Fairview, Parkade

We need more budget money

Blue Ridge, Lee, Midway Heights, New Haven, Parkade, Ridgeway, Two Mile Prairie,

district cell phone, PDA

Blue Ridge, Mill Creek

Upgrading every classroom with SMART boards can wait. SMART boards are nice but teaching has been done many years with out them.

Building Services

We need better trucks, for deliveries.

This year we were given a generous amount of assets to upgrade our custodial equipment and to provide equipment to buildings that did not have the necessary equipment. We still need to address the poor condition of our upright vacuums that were purchased between 1982-2000. Each school building needs to have a restroom cleaning machine to maintain their cleanliness and safety of our kids etc. that use them. ie. germs,MRSA.

Need more equipment--vehicles, mowers, support shop equipment and hand tools

Building Services, Fairview

Upright vacuums/ do with out them Would just have very use one stile Backpack Vacuums they save time and not much on them fix when broke and less dust in air,

Business Services

We have an extra printer that we could do without.

Career Center

All Ready using Ancient Equipment. Need New.

Not every classroom in this district needs a Smartboard. Teachers need to know how that piece of technology will be used in their curriculum and teachers need to be held accountable for using it if we are going to spend the money.

This building teaches high tech technology; basically nothing is requested that is not used.

We have lost outside funding and the district has not been responsive to that decrease in funds.

delay Technoloy upgates.

I would have to see the complete list

Cedar Ridge

An extra computer in my room. It is hardly used.

Derby Ridge

The TV and VCR in the room. If we had 4 on a cart, I'm sure that would be enough for our school. Having one in each room when they are used only a few times a year seems silly. Also, I think there is cable tv on them. I don't see a need for having cable.

I am confused about all the computer replacements we continually receive. Unfortunately they seem to always be replacements, when we could really use the computers in an additional lab.

Athletics Funding freeze and 5 year elimination of CPS funding of all secondary school athletic field improvements, playground equipment purchases, grandstand builds and turf replacement Funding freeze of all elementary and middle school gymnasium maintenance.

I have not received any new equipment from the school since I have been here.

Again - not sure

Overhead projector

Fusion writers we got this year...probably a waste of money.

I think the replacement of computers could be expanded by an additional year or two.

We can work with the current furniture, technology, specialized equipment we have now.

Douglass

projector

reduce access to copy machines

Could survive with fewer student computers

I don't think the district necessarily needs to always have the leading-edge state-of-the-art technology. I think the tail might be wagging the dog a little bit with technology.

Smart boards and data projectors (although it's really too late for that...)

Do we really need a Smartboard in every classroom? I know I'm getting old, but blackboards & overheads weren't that awful...

Douglass, Paxton Keeley, Rock Bridge Elementary

Why such surplus in computers, and the frequent "upgrading" of all computers!

Early Childhood Center

we have very little out here, so it's hard to imagine what we would lose

Fairview

I can't wait to have a SmartBoard in my classroom!

If it is a choice of a person or equipment, we can hold back on equipment like smart boards for a little longer. It's probably different funds though.

Smart boards, etc., are nice, but it's quite possible to teach effectively without them.

the new math series. We need to continue with the current TERC rather than go ahead and purchase new books at this time. Although in the scope of things the purchase may seem small, in the overall budget that expense can be delayed.

???We don't have a whole lot of "equipment"...???????

PLEASE let us get our SMART boards next year. I do not have one in my room and attended a training last night about the boards and the software. These will be wonderful tools to use in our classrooms.

Fairview, Shepard

NO

Field

tv's, VCR's.

personal appliances (microwaves, mini-fridges..etc)

We used grant funding to pay for all of our most recent technology so the district will save by not having to put any SMART Boards in our building because we have already purchased them.

overhead

Gentry

We can get by with the technology we have in place.

overhead projectors

new replacement computers

With the advent of data projectors in our school, most televisions and overhead projectors seem obsolete.

overhead projector

Updated computers Smartboards

We could live without SmartBoards, but since some buildings already have them, that is probably not an option now.

Equipment having to do with overhead machines since the data projectors have been installed

We do not "need" a laminator. We do not "need" colored printers or ink. They are nice, but they are expensive.

Computers

Hickman

white boards, digital projectors for each room

Putting a smart board in EVERYONE's room is a waste--not everyone will use it.

don't need new flat screen monitors (big screen tv) in rooms

Lots of technology equipment is being purchased across the district without consideration as to whether that is the best equipment for that particular room/course. Sometimes more efficient and possibly cheaper solutions could be found.

We operate on a very minimal cost per student as it is.

Football field. If you decide to cut -- cut extras. Education (that means teachers) should be your primary concern. Extra-curricular is just that (or it's supposed to be)--extra.

Large screen TV in the Commons, that plays silently CNN and advertisements all day long!

Too late, but a data projector in every single room is not necessary. I am using the heck out of mine, so I am not recommending this cut lightly.

DElay some of the technology purchases

What's with the plasma TV's hanging in our administrator's private offices?

There may be updates that could be delayed.

Smart boards can be done without. I bought my own data projector through ECA funds so I did not benefit from the money.

Now that we all have projectors in our rooms, we really don't need all of the TV/DVD players that we have. The ones in the Language Arts department are barely used anymore.

I could avoid getting new equipment, but need what I have now.

Overhead projectors Filmstrip projectors

But we could do without it being updated quite as often

Not every classroom needs a smart board.

I understand Smartboards are coming...and I don't need one.

I do not foresee requesting any new equipment, but need all of the pieces that we have to maintain daily activity.

I do not need a SMART board in my room. Now that we have the digital projectors, that is all I need.

Overhead projectors

Can't think of any, but don't need anything innovatively new

Only cars/trucks should be provided are for school working hours only useage.

I don't use a lot of technology.

Hickman, Vandiver

Hickman already has fewer computers for journalism than RBHS. It is necessary for desktop publishing.

Jefferson Jr.

nothing of significance

The old upright vacuums. Need some that work and don't blow the dirt back out at you.

Curriculum Tracker and Mastery Manager--they're expensive, don't work, and are worthless

I would choose to freeze all technology updates (smartboards, etc.).

Reduce the technology plan upgrades for 1 year.

overheads, TV/vcrs

Much equipment is used for summer school - they need to pay some of these costs.

The use of technology is increasing, but materials are not yet up to par in all buildings or all classrooms.

The use of technology is not equal as it is! We need to make sure all curriculum areas are provided with equitable facilities.

I used daily all technology that is in my classroom.

mastery manager scanners/scan sheets overhead projectors (NOT data projectors)

WE need more computer access in the area of special education

We need more of everything!

Lange

I think we can still teach what is needed without fancy projectors, smart boards, hand-helds, laptops, etc. I do believe it is essential that all students continue to have computer access, however.

Technology is wonderful, but we don't NEED all the latest and greatest (as much as we may WANT it). Students have learned, and learned well, for many years with just the basics.

smartboards and data projectors should, for now, go in rooms where they will be used frequently.

Smart boards, video equipment

Smart boards

I think technology is great, but it shouldn't come at the expense of teachers in the classroom.

I feel we are currently below needs regarding technology.

I love all the technology, but we don't need to have the "latest and greatest".

I already use a lot of low tech devices in my program. I don't use a smartboard. I do like having computers available to my students though.

Smart boards are a horrific waste of money. They are nothing more than a glorified overhead projector. And yes, I am familiar with all of their bells and whistles. They are an extravagance that does nothing more than make us look progressive. Three thousand dollars a classroom could be better spent on pretty much anything other than smartboards.

Lee

Replacing elementary computers as frequently as we do now is a waste.

I can't think of any equipment except technology. We could wait to keep updating some things, but to stay current in that field, you pretty much have to upgrade.

would it save to not update technology?

Lee, Field, Parkade

I feel like the equipment in the classroom is well utilized and integral to instruction.

Midway Heights

Technology has become an integral part of our instruction.

We use all of the equipment we have.

Midway Heights, Ridgeway

Laptops, palm pilots, does every classroom really need a smart board?

Mill Creek

We don't have the technology we need now....our school is WAY behind has it is. We only have one full computer lab and 12 computers in a small lab for over 700 students.

Instead of the intercom use e-mail

Color copier and second laminator.

Poster maker Laminator I use some, but it's between laminator and copier or larger class sizes I choose laminator. We don't need any new TVs/VCRs or repairs. The data projectors take the place of that most of the time. If we get our smartboards we could due without overhead projectors.

We are so behind other schools in technology it isn't even funny. I think equity in equipment across the district needs to be assessed. I'm assuming you wouldn't have the option of NOT using the bond issue money for what it was originally intended and will continue implementing that plan.

smart boards, data projectors

Mill Creek, Russell

handhelds

Mill Creek, Vandiver

overheads

Oakland

smart boards - we need to investigate another tool that is similar to the smart boards.

I know that Smart Boards are coming soon. Some curricular areas could probably share a few as opposed to every room getting one. We could have done that with the data projectors too.

N/A to my position

There are still types of equipment that would enhance the teaching and learning in our classrooms.

I only have access to a desktop computer, the printers, and copiers. I need all of this equipment to do my job.

Data projectors and brand new computers for every classroom are nice, but definitely not essential...teachers provide the major educational difference, not technology, so money should be spent on positions and salaries first

Can we find a cheaper alternative to the SMART boards going into classrooms. Is this cheaper alternative something where every classroom could have it for the same price as some of the classrooms getting SMART boards.

Other

Need more, would like to get Smart Board, and new desk chair.

Why does the district purchases thousands of dollars worth of equipment and then put the equipment on a five dollar cart?

There could be a delay in providing some of the tech hardware and support. Just spread the timeline out a little farther. Although I do think tech is essential, and those may be different funding sources too.

At TMP, I could do without overhead projectors because we have smart boards. I guess teachers could have only 1 computer in each classroom too.

I can do without a smart board in my trailer (which I do not currently have) On the other hand, I am thrilled with the data projector that has recently been installed, and feel that it really improves my teaching in some areas. I could do without the overhead projector that is in my room.

We use very little equipment.

Parkade

microwaves, refrigerators, coffee pots in so many locations (classrooms).

overhead projectors and replacement bulbs for overheads, individual classroom printers and ink/toner cartridges for printers,

We could do without every light being turned on all the time! It would be great if our school district could advertise as 'Going Green' and conserving electricity by turning off lights when not needed, using natural lighting as much as possible, making it a conscious effort. Whole cities are doing this, we could, too.

We don't have enough of what we need. What we have is old and falling apart.

Is necessary to replace technology on schedule. Couldn't we use our computers an additional year or two?

As special educators, we do not get the materials or equipment necessary to teach our students. I do not feel any equipment should be cut.

Printers in individual classrooms VCR/TV

With the addition of a complete computer lab to our building and the increasing instructional demands, the ratio of classroom computers in the eMINTS classrooms (at least in third grade) has become a non-critical part of instruction. The computer lab has often provided a better option for whole class participation. A reduced number of computers (possibly 1 to 4) would be acceptable given the current uses and schedule.

We are at the bare bones except for technology, and we could put a moratorium on buying any new technology unless our PTA came up with the funds

Do not have to have smart boards. Do not need to have individual printers on computers. All computers can use the main printers.

We could put off buying some of the technology equipment.

Unless school does not start until Sept, we need air conditioning! Everything that we have or should be on the way is necessary to do an outstanding job with instruction.

Paxton Keeley

I don't really use the computers that much in my curriculum

laminators

replacement of things like overheads, tape/CD players is not needed.

I have a data projector in my room, but no smartboard. As a smartboard would be nice, I get along fine without one at this point.

Overhead

A smart board would be great in my classroom, but I could do fine without it.

Overheads,

Smart Board

Some technology could be implemented at a later date.

I have an overhead projector in my room I rarely use. I do not have a Smartboard in my room and don't need one. I use very little equipment.

do not need to replace computers as often

Some of the technology.

Look at our current technology acquisition plan--perhaps modify this plan

I believe we have equipment in storage that is not being used. Ex. We needed speakers for our computers. We were told we would have to buy our own but then somebody found enough in storage. If we kept an inventory of supplies available in the district easily accessible, we might save a lot of money by reusing these items.

overhead projectors--do not replace

I don't know.

hand held computers

I am sure that we could find ways to share technology and equipment more throughout our building.

smartboards, additional computers in classroom

Paxton Keeley, Vandiver

The computer replacement program is already stretched farther than wise. Repairing older equipment is an inefficient use of our resources.

Ridgeway

I am still waiting on my Smartboard.

Do we need to replace computers every four years?

lots of software -- mastery manager, eschools, curriculum tracker

Shouldn't have to!

Rock Bridge Elementary

More computers

New computers

I would like to see us share data projectors and smart boards as a team in the lower grades as they aren't utilized as much.

the overhead projectors may not be completely necessary, if the teacher doesn't use it for lessons in the classroom

Rock Bridge High

Apparently there is something called long term storage. Do these materials ever see the light of day again? What happens when the instructor for a course moves on, are they made aware of materials that are in long term storage---so they don't duplicate items the district already has just sitting around?

SMART BOARDS are a waste of money/resources. A data projector and screen in every teaching room is adequate. Technology for technology's sake doesn't teach students.

No...there aren't enough computer labs already and we have very few SMART boards compared to elementary.

Smart boards are a complete waste of money. They do not improve achievement in the long run.

The punch clock.

In fact the special education department could use additional computers in the academic lab.

Usually team taught courses don't need two projectors. Also, not every classroom needs a smart board.

Smart boards. I don't even want one.

We don't have hardly any equipment to start with

If anything, I think that we would be much better off with more equipment-- providing laptops (as opposed to desktops) to each teacher would facilitate work that we have to and want to do outside of the school walls to improve our classes.

Smartboards

NO! we are hurting with the computers we have...they need to be maintained and upgraded.

Russell

Keep computers longer

Computer upgrade time could be lengthened

Smart boards, computers replaced less frequently

I could stand to have my computers upgraded a little less often to save money.

Smartboards

I have three computers in my very small room. Teachers have smart boards and data projectors that are not utilized. They should only go to people who will use them.

We could go on a longer cycle for updating our computers.

smart boards, data projectors

overhead projectors, record players

Less paper used in each building

Shepard

Smart boards are wonderful, but not a necessity. We are talking about cutting teachers which affect our students. If we have 30 students in a classroom, smart boards are not helping.

colored paper, perhaps

The desks in my classroom do not shut properly and often smash the children's fingers. The chairs are in such poor condition that some pinch the children's legs. The only solution has been to take out the offensive bolt. My classroom was furnished mostly by me because there has not been enough book cases in our building for me to use.

there seems to be MANY handheld computers in buildings; they're being replaced after only a few year's use.

I would like a smart board, but I can do without.

We don't need SmartBoards in our classroom although they are nice to have. I'm sure there is other equipment that we don't absolutely need but they do hook some of our more unmotivated learners.

Currently equipment in my classroom is utilized.

smart board

No, I have purchased many things myself, and written grants to receive other supplies.

ShepardLee

Actually need more advanced equipment for screenings.

Smithton

not everyroom needs a smartboard. Money could be better spent on more wireless labs for schools.

Don't need an overhead projector.

Currently we don't have enough equipment to run science classes in the middle level.

Two Mile Prairie

We will need more computers in the lab if we have increased class sizes.

overhead projectors, which probably are notbeing replaced

Color printers

Overhead projector.

Vandiver

My district cell phone

Computers, fax machines, copiers, etc for the office, I believe are needed and wouldn't be able to do most of our jobs without them.

My computer does not need to be replaced every 4 years. Every 5 years would be fine.

as a mater of fact-we need some computers!

Delay technology upgrades

Newer computers and software.

We could hold off on replacing some computers they are not that old. They will do what is required for most users

Distirct Cell Phone

Replacement computers in the classroom.

West Blvd.

SmartBoards in every classroom--for too many teachers, they are just "glorified whiteboards"--only install in teachers' classrooms if they have received adequate training and request one

projectors poster maker

We may have to slow down our technology upgrades somewhat, and keep existing materials functioning well.

Can't think of any.

Proposed technology such as smart boards and laptops for teachers

West Junior

Now that we have the data projectors we don't really need the overhead projectors.

I have a student computer in my classroom that is rarely used. However, I can never seem to schedule my classes in the two computer labs at my school. Perhaps a redistribution would help.

We understand that there will be no fine arts budget for equipment for next year (kilns, etc) and we are OK with that if our consumable budget remains intact.

We actually need more.

I don't think so as we do not have equipment as the middle schools or high schools have now, so I don't believe we should be cut in this area. Palm pilots for elementary schools would be one area to delete as it is great idea, but not essential. My children went through CPS without Palm pilot instruction; however, they were provided the knowledge to read in order to understand how to operate one now in their careers. How many children need palm pilots at that age anyway?

Data projectors, Smartboard and promised laptops. The complicated, restrictive, and expensive new locks & keys

Riso machines. Copy machines do so much more now that they aren't used as much.

new textbooks

overhead projectors