

## Reinvigorating Richview Update

Parents, Staff and Students,

After a very successful fall campaign of fundraising for technology in the classroom, we are happy to announce we now have a plan in place and are ready to send in our technology purchase order!

Our direct donations program in September, coupled with the Reinvigorating Richview Pub Night Fundraiser and our Matching Donor Program in December led to a donation total of \$36,000! Many thanks to all our donors!

A Technology Committee was created in early December consisting of a number of parent representatives, teachers and the student council president. The group was tasked with completing an inventory of the school's technology resources, looking at usage patterns of labs within the building and investigating departmental needs.

The resulting data has been formulated into a three-year plan for the updating of equipment as warranties and service agreements lapse in different labs/rooms within the school.

This first year, our priority is to improve high demand labs used by the majority of students. Our second goal was to make sure all instructional classrooms had at least one laptop and projector for lecture purposes. This spring we will buy 59 computers, 7 projectors and several cameras and tripods!

As you can all appreciate, computers are expensive and have a "shelf life" with respect to servicing, warranties and technical capabilities. Our first year addresses a number of concerns but our needs financially are equally as large over the next two years if we wish to bring all technology in the school up to a high functioning level. This is a partnership between the school administration and the parent community so further fundraising and budget assistance from administration and departments will be necessary to realize our second and third year plans.

Thanks to everyone for all the donations made and time spent working on the technology vision and plan. With faster, more responsive technology our students will be less frustrated, more efficient with their time and able to better use our technical tools to further their studies.