Apple & HP MLTI Winter 2016 Update

2016 Apple Refresh Collection Audits and Billing
2016 Refresh Collection invoices for Non-Working and Working Poor/Fair devices (as well as for missing seats) should arrive in schools the week of Dec. 19. Explanatory information will be included with the invoices and will be followed shortly by a more detailed electronic packet. Explanatory information will be posted on the website, as well.

The bills to schools for Non-Working and Working Poor/Fair make up the difference between the remaining lease and buy-out obligation and the value of the returned devices. Missing devices are still on the lease and will be included in a separate MLTI invoice. The DOE negotiated an Apple contribution of more than $1,220,000 toward the lease and buy-out obligation to help reduce the cost to schools for Working Poor devices.

Proportion of Returned Seats by Condition:
- 59% - Good Working Order
- 36% - Working Poor
- 5% - Non-Working

Non-Working Devices: School Payment (Compared to Replacement Cost)
- Student Primary -   Payment: $237   Replacement: $299
- Teacher Primary -   Payment: $257   Replacement: $789
- Student Alternate -   Payment: $313   Replacement: $699
- Teacher Alternate -   Payment: $313   Replacement: $789

Working Poor Devices: School Payment (Compared to Typical Repair Cost)
- Student Primary -   Payment: $56   Avg Repair: $299
- Teacher Primary -   Payment: $56   Avg Repair: $495
- Student Alternate -   Payment: $56   Avg Repair: $297
- Teacher Alternate -   Payment: $56   Avg Repair: $495

2013 MLTI Cohort Buy-out for Apple and HP Schools
The DOE has decided to buy out the remaining 2013 cohort devices. Schools with 2013 Cohort devices will have the choice to either return their entire fleet to the Department of Education or to buy their entire fleet. If the school returns their fleet, the devices must be in good working condition. Schools will be billed the buy-out cost for devices that are returned to the DOE in less than good working condition. More details will be available in February and March.

School buy-out cost per device:
- iPad - $28
- MBA - $48
- iPad Mini - $15
- HP laptop - $18

2017 MLTI "Opt-In"
There is an MLTI opportunity for schools this spring, but there will be no traditional MLTI opt-in. Grade levels that are eligible for MLTI state funding support will be eligible for block grants. We are in the process of developing procedures, rules and requirements, but in general, schools will be able to work directly with any vendor (including Apple or HP) to purchase devices, tools, apps, services and professional development.

Look for further information in the coming months.

Classroom Wifi Support
The DOE is moving away from using MLTI to provide classroom wifi support to schools.

Reasons to Shift from MLTI School Wifi Support to a New Approach
- The current 2013 cohort MLTI wifi support runs out June 2017.
- Schools have to maintain multiple networks (MLTI in 7/8 and local in other grade levels).
- It is problematic for MLTI to leverage the new eRate reimbursements for classroom wifi.
- Schools have diverse needs - The one-size-fits all MLTI wifi offering wasn't "fitting all."

There will be no change to the 2014 cohort wifi support (ends June 2018), nor to the 2015 cohort wifi support (ends June 2019).

The DOE formed a Wifi Support Design Team of 23 members, mostly Tech Leads from across the state, but also members representing Networkmaine, DOE, and MLTI.

The DOE is switching to a 6-year cycle for classroom wifi support. MLTI Vendors will leave the current equipment in place after June 2017. Schools can continue to use the equipment. The State will contract for continued maintenance/support and controller software licenses through June 2019.

Prior to July 2019, the DOE will have a RFP for classroom wifi solutions and develop a state master contract with one or more wireless solution providers. Schools will be able to do a mini-bid process with vendors on the master contract and will file on their own for Category 2 eRate support for service or equipment. The DOE will determine (with input from the Wifi Support Design Team) a new process for providing state funding support, with a goal of maintaining the current level of funding.

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