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Commissioner Price:

Please see immediately below follow-up information from Jim Northup.

Greg

**The short answer is I don't think Orange County Schools (OCS) has the same type of program in place as does Chapel Hill Carrboro City Schools (CHCCS), but that has not prevented County staff from communicating with OCS regarding the County's surplus computer equipment. Recognizing that this type of program may be of interest to the Orange County School System, I reached out to the Orange County Schools Chief Technical Officer to offer the same and provided him the specifications of the computers the County is proposing to donate to CHCCS. County staff is committed to working with Orange County Schools should they develop a similar program and wish to receive the County's surplus computers. To date, County staff is still working with OCS to see if they want any of the County's surplus units outside of this program.**

**As you may know, agenda item 6-e is a culmination of the County's Sustainability Officer, Brennan Bouma, reaching out to organizations and keeping sustainability in the forefront of everyone's minds for Orange County as well as those organizations the County touches. While conversing with Chapel Hill Carrboro City Schools (CHCCS), Brennen was made aware of the Schools need for donated computers and saw a fit between the County and CHCCS as the County was in the middle of its replacement program. So, IT started working with Brennan and CHCCS to recognize the mutual benefits of Orange County Government donating its computers to the CHCCS program.**

**As CIO, I was excited to pursue the CHCCS offer to take the County's surplus technology equipment, i.e., their program is awesome. In the past, the County has offered computers to both school systems, and neither expressed a need or desire to receive the greater-than-6 year old computers with no operating systems in various states of repair. In the past, County staff has even reached out to organizations like the Kramden Institute and the Institute too said the County's computers were too old for their consumption. The Kramden Institute refurbishes old computers and donates them to people and organizations that need them.**

**In recent years and as security became more of a concern, Orange County IT started to recycle its computers to ensure that any data on the hard drives did not wind up in the wrong hands so to speak. Granted, a large percentage of the data is benign, but staff is sensitive to the fact that the County disposes of Sheriff Department computers as well as those from DSS and Health. It became more efficient and safer to process some of the surplus computers through the County's own Solid Waste Electronics recycling program. After each computer is recycled, the County receives a certificate of destruction with regard to each hard drive contained in each computer. This saves weeks of IT staff time deleting data from computers and prepping them for disposal. Over the years, the County has also contracted with Lenovo to "clean" the desktop computers it replaces when the company has been hired to provide replacements for Orange County.**

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To: Greg Wilder
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Greg,

Where is Orange County Schools in the process of engaging in the computer recycling and technology training program? The abstract indicates that OCS has been approached, yet is otherwise vague,

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