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COMPUTER PURCHASE INFORMATION FOR THE CLASS OF 2010

Dear Parents of New Students,

We have contracted this year with CDW-G, one of the world's largest suppliers of technology to schools, businesses and government agencies, for the purchase of our specially configured laptop for this fall's freshman class. We chose them not only for their products and pricing, but especially for their service.

In conjunction with Lenovo/IBM, they have very aggressively priced the T43 into our \$1,500 budget. This same computer normally sells for about \$2,100-2,300 as configured. In addition, you will be receiving factory installed about \$600-800 worth of software, the licensing for which is provided by SHA:

- Microsoft Office 2003 Professional, including the FrontPage web-authoring suite
- Abode Acrobat Professional 7.0, for the creation of PDF paperless documents
- Adobe Photoshop Elements 4.0, a full-featured digital photography package
- MathType 5.0, for creating equations within Word
- Geometer's Sketchpad mathematics program
- Atlantis, a graphical computer-based calculator package
- Inspiration, a visual thought-processing program
- SmartBoard, for use with our whiteboard technology
- Glencoe Keyboarding

This year, we will be having our technology roll-out during the evening, half of the incoming students will come **Wednesday, August 23rd**, the other half, **Thursday, August 24th**. Please keep those dates open. You will be receiving more details in a later mailing. CDW-G representatives will be on-hand to facilitate this event. Here are a few important points about the plan for that time:

- The enclosed flyer will give you the specifics on how to make your purchase.
- The **computers will all be delivered to the school for distribution** on those evenings.
- You will not be charged for the purchase until the computers are shipped.
- However, to avoid possible bottlenecks, **please place your order no later than July 15th**.

Finally, I want to anticipate any concerns you may have. Remember, I am your first point of contact in this process and indeed throughout your daughter's years with us, at least for technology matters. Please call or e-mail me at any time.

Sincerely,

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