

**Final Project**  
**Technology Proposal**  
**For Calvary Grade School**

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**Statement.**

Technology today plays a very vital role in the day-to-day operation of our society. Without technology, many industries and businesses would be unable to thrive and function and society as we know it would fall apart. Due to the fact that technology is on the rise and it is the thread that keeps our world functioning, it is imperative that our students become acclimated with all forms of technology if they plan on taking their rightful place in this hi tech society.

Schools today are faced with the biggest challenge ever which is to prepare our students for the world outside of the school walls. On the other hand, the greatest challenge lies with small private schools such as ours, which has to compete with public school funding and still maintain quality education.

**Objective**

The objective of the proposal is to devise a plan that will enable our school to increase the necessary technology that we need in order to enhance learning, prepare our students to be well rounded and versatile, and prepare them to participate actively in the work force that is driven by the installation of technology.

## Goal

To provide students and teachers with the opportunity to become acclimated, knowledgeable, and well versed with the different forms of technology available; as well as assist them in incorporating the equipment in to the learning environment.

## Why Technology?

Numerous researchers have suggested that the incorporation of technology into the learning environment serves a multifaceted purpose. Technology has the ability to promote critical thinking, foster higher order thinking skills, enhances creativity, heighten problem-solving skills and also has the ability for teachers to prepare for all types of learners, enabling them to honor the findings of multiple intelligence.

In addition, an article printed in the 1994 issue of *Educational Leadership* presented an editorial entitled *Why Technology?* written by *Kyle L. Peck & Denise Doriccott*, listing a variety of benefits that technology has on the learning community. It was documented that technology creates a passion for learning, stimulates the interests of our students, enables them to construct new knowledge, creates opportunities for students to do meaningful work, nurtures artistic expression, and can foster and increase the quality of students' thinking and writing.

Furthermore, teachers can also benefit from the technology that is computer-based. *Peck* and *Doricott* noted in the same article that this form of technology enables teachers to create lesson plans, select instructional material from a rich resource data base, and automatically and quickly track student progress, to name a few

Quality education means providing our students with the best that the educational world has to offer. If we want our children to be the head and not they tail, we must make it our personal mission to equip them with the best that life has to offer. The ultimate goal for receiving higher education is to prepare them for the work force and as many can see, technology is the way into the workforce.

In conclusion, technology as we are all aware of can have a profound impact on learning. It is for this reason that I have created a plan for our school to increase our technology equipment, in order to help our students on their journey for success.

## The Plan

### *Phase 1*

Select a Technology Coordinator for our school that can work full time in helping us meet our intended goals. The person must be willing to work on a volunteer basis. Example: a retired teacher, staff member, or a person that is business savvy and well spoken with community contacts. The person along with the administrators and staff will work together to decide on the direction they would like to see technology go in the school. This will enable us to know what it is that we would like to obtain.

### *Phase 2*

**Give our Project a Name.** It is important to give an identity to your the project which will hopefully enable people to catch the vision.

### *Phase 3*

Implement a technology fee. The fee will be \$ 50-fee per student each year, with a 10 % increase each year.

### *Phase 4*

A) Contact Conference administrators regarding the feasibility of obtaining matching subsidies pertaining to technology and discuss how their office can be a contributing partner to our mission.

B) Locate the Title I director in our state and find out what funds may be available to assist with our technology program.

C) Speak with local area Pastors regarding how their church can contribute and play an integral role in facilitating our school's technology program.

### *Phase 5*

***Phase 5 of the plan requires active involvement from students, parents, teachers, administrators and the church family. The following are several ideas that may be implemented:***

A) Have the school choir put on a concert with all proceeds for the event going to the school technology program. Also, a well known musical artist can be contacted with regards to performing in the local area for free, with all proceeds donated in benefit of the program.

**B)** Create a “Wish List” and send it to various churches within the local and adjacent jurisdictions requesting that they finance the items on the list. The “Wish List” can also be disseminated to influential people through out the community and even the nation.

**C)** Create a wish list via a web page, outlining our plan, the assistance that is needed and where donations can be sent.

**D)** Families within our school community must select a project of their choice to help in the Technology Enhancement Project. At the first Home and School meeting, the proposal will be presented. Each family will have 1 month to submit in writing their fundraising project. At the subsequent Home and School meeting, each family will update attendants on the status of their project. A monthly account will have to be made.

**E)** Host a software dinner fellowship in appreciation of technology. Several invitations will be given to various people within the community. Admission to the fellowship will be a donation of educational software.

### ***Phase 6***

The Marketing Director of the local newspaper will be contacted and informed of the school’s mission regarding technology. A full-page advertisement will be taken out requesting assistance from the community. Arrangements will be made to keep the costs for the advertisement at a minimum.

### ***Phase 7***

**A)** Contact local financial institutions and businesses in regards to how their organization can be of assistance to our school’s technology program. They may be able to donate used equipment, give donations, or make recommendations that may help our program.

**B)** Contact major technology companies regarding whether they would be willing to donate software, used computers and equipment that would be valuable for the program. It will also be explored whether or not their employees would be willing to volunteer at the school and work alongside students in the technology program.

## **Closing Thought**

This is simply a blueprint for what I envision can be a stepping-stone in helping our school acquire the sufficient technology that we need. With more people involved in the project, we can generate ideas that can possibly help in our mission and make it a success!